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No timetable announced

Reagan pledges end to U.S. recession woes

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (R) — President Reagan pledged Thursday that he would end the U.S. recession and said his economic policies would restore prosperity earlier than expected. Reagan, who had earlier predicted an upturn in the economy in the second half of 1982, did not announce Thursday any new timetable for recovery.

"We are in a recession...but we'll work our way out of it and faster than expected," he said in a speech.

His remarks appeared to be an effort to reassure worried financial markets, which have shown increasing concern in recent days about the depth of the recession and prospects that U.S. interest rates will soon rise again.

High interest rates make borrowing more expensive for industry, hindering expansion. A further slowdown in industrial growth would boost unemployment, now at 8.9 percent of the workforce.

Concern about the economy has caused share prices to fall in the Dow Jones Industrial average tumbled 43.57 points in the first

Insurance claims total \$100m

Crash victim search could take weeks

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (Agencies) — Recovery teams say search for more than 60 bodies entombed under the ice-coated Potomac River in wreckage of a crashed airliner could take days or even weeks.

Divers hope to recover the flight recorder of the Air Florida being-737 Friday and officials say it could help explain why the plane scythed across bridge jammed with commuters' cars plunged into the Potomac just after 11:00 Wednesday.

But a police spokesman said recovery of the bodies, hampered by freezing weather and intermittent snowstorms, would be slow and tedious. Officials said the operation to salvage the plane's black fuseage would take at least three days even as long as two weeks. At least 80 people were killed in the crash — all but five of the plane's 79 passengers and crew and six motorists whose cars were ripped apart by the airliner as it scraped across Washington's 14th Street Bridge.

Investigators focussed on how well prepared the plane was before it took off in a blizzard from the city's National Airport, about 1.6 kms from the bridge.

They were considering how long the aircraft stood on the runway, whether it was properly de-iced, the possibilities of fuel impurity and pilot error, and what finally caused it to scythe through lanes of cars on the bridge before flopping into the river.

Salvage crews, battling freezing conditions, darkness, and other problems, called off the search Thursday night after pulling the frozen bodies of an elderly woman and a baby from the river. The plane's fuselage settled into 7.5 meters of muddy water

U.S. diplomats jobs rated 'very hazardous'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP) — A year after the end of the Iran hostage crisis, life for many American diplomats is full of chilling reminders of just how hazardous their profession has become.

In some sensitive posts U.S. envoys travel even short distances in armored cars, protected by body guards carrying machine guns. Many of the embassies where these diplomats work are surrounded by high walls, making them look more like fortresses than diplomatic missions.

Receptionists sit behind bomb-proof glass, admitting visitors only after elaborate security checks by mail guards. Video monitors help spot would-be troublemakers.

At 24 embassies and consulates, plans are under way for the construction of bullet-proof "safehouses" for protection against mobs. The hope is that the hideaways will provide refuge for U.S. employees for several hours, giving local security forces time to restore order.

Actually, enhanced security at overseas missions began well before the 444-day Iran crisis, which ended last Jan. 20. According to a new U.S. State Department report, Ameri-

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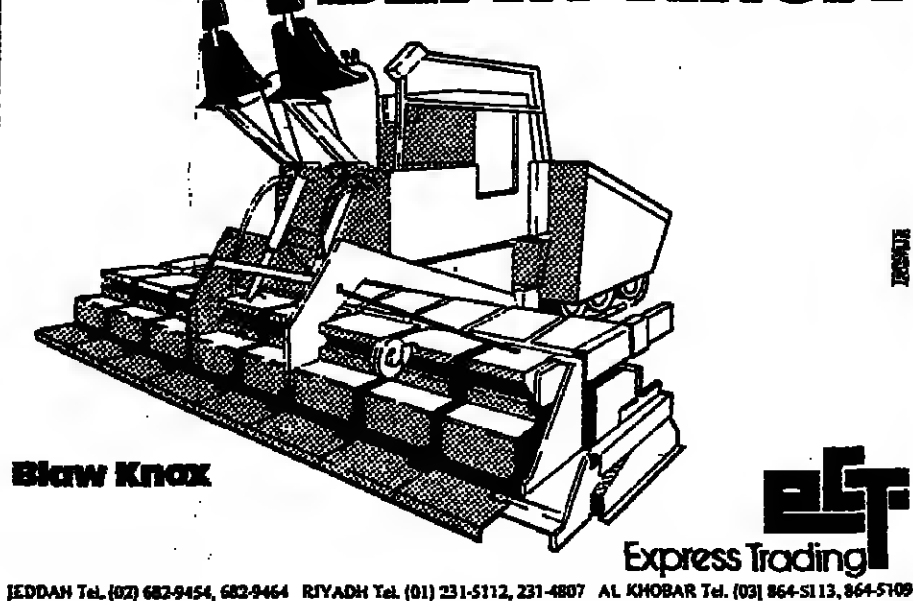
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PRESIDENT REAGAN: Departing from the White House on his way to economic talks, Reagan points to his watch indicating he doesn't have time to answer questions.

can community" and said "we're living with the misery of mistakes. The best view of any government is in a rear-view mirror as we leave it behind...today I'm appealing to the American people — ignore the prophets of failure who are paralyzed with fear."

President Reagan, said by aides to be "saddened and concerned" flew by helicopter over the crash site Thursday. He praised the heroism of an unidentified man who twice passed a lifeline to other survivors and then sank beneath the icy water, and of a passerby who dove into the water, saving a woman whose frozen fingers were unable to grasp a rescue ring.

Meanwhile, informed sources said in London Friday, European insurance firms will probably have to pay more than \$100 million to the U.S. owners of the ill-fated Boeing.

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cars, washing machines and other equipment. Before leaving for their posts, a two-day course on "coping with violence abroad" is offered to all personnel. It includes instruction on hostage survival, spy recognition and residential security. The course was initiated five years ago but was expanded after the Iran crisis.

Shortly after taking office, President Ronald Reagan added a new dimension to U.S. anti-terrorist policy when he said he would not tolerate another Tehran-type incident.

"We're just going to move in there, guns blazing," he said.

And in congressional testimony, Richard Kennedy, undersecretary of state for management, said, "we have publicly put terrorists on notice that they can expect no concessions from us. We will not bargain for the release of hostages... We will use all appropriate resources at our disposal, be they diplomatic, political, economic or military, to respond to such acts of international intimidation or extortion."

During the Iranian crisis, an unprecedented number of foreign service applicants dropped out during training, fearing the same fate that befell the hostages.

But as the memory of Tehran fades, the drop-out rate has diminished in the past year and many foreign service newcomers even seem anxious for assignment to dangerous posts.

In one recent class of 40 trainees, five said they were willing to go to El Salvador, where one inducement is a 40 percent hazardous duty pay bonus. Since 1980, the U.S. embassy in San Salvador has been hit by two attacks with rocket-propelled grenades and at least six machine gun attacks. U.S. diplomats assigned to El Salvador are forbidden to take dependents with them.

Some officials, including former Iran hostage Victor Tomseth, say the government could reduce vulnerability to terrorist attacks by reducing the size of embassy staffs.

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Olson was on trial for killing seven girls and three boys, aged 9 to 18.

All the youths either were bludgeoned or stabbed to death and at least two apparently were sexually molested.

Court testimony Wednesday revealed the Olson allegedly killed six of his victims after he began meeting with police as a paid informant on other crimes.

Surprise attacks by Israel predicted

TEL AVIV, Jan. 15 (AFP) — Israel could launch surprise attacks against Pakistan and Libyan nuclear installations, United States Ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis is believed to have said in a report to Washington.

The English-language *Jerusalem Post*, referring to the U.S. bi-weekly *Middle East Policy Survey*, said Friday the attacks were among "ten surprise operations" that Israel could launch before the final withdrawal from Sinai in April 1982.

The ten operations were outlined by Lewis in a report requested by the State Department following Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights on Dec. 14 which alerted the administration to other possible surprise actions.

"Among the most probable" actions, the paper said, were the transfer of the prime minister's office to occupied Jerusalem, a major military action in Southern Lebanon, air raids on Syrian missile bases in the Bekaa plain in central Lebanon, and attacks on Palestinians, including those in Europe.

Four other actions which were rated "less probable" by Ambassador Lewis were an Israeli refusal to finally evacuate

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Accepts \$100,000 fee

Plea changed to 'guilty,' Olson sentenced to life

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Canada, Jan. 15 (AP) — Clifford Robert Olson pleaded guilty Thursday to bludgeoning, stabbing or strangling 11 young people and scattering their bodies in bogs and gravel pits across southwestern British Columbia.

He was sent to prison for life by a judge who said there was no punishment to fit the enormity of his crimes. Lawyers for both sides said Olson had been paid \$100,000 to lead police to the bodies of the victims.

The trial of the 42-year-old construction worker and married father of an infant son, came to an abrupt end when he changed his plea to guilty on the 10 first-degree murder charges which had been brought against him.

An 11th indictment was added after the original 10 had gone to the jury.

Olson, whose voice cracked briefly as he wiped away a tear while pleading to each of the counts, was led quickly from the packed courtroom after Justice Harry McKay sentenced him to concurrent life sentences.

The sentences would make Olson eligible for parole after 25 years, but McKay said he would recommend to the National Parole Board that Olson never be allowed out from behind bars.

He said no punishment "a civilized country could give you," would come close to being adequate.

Meanwhile, both Olson's lawyer, Robert Shantz, and special prosecutor John Hall, confirmed reports that Olson was paid \$100,000 to lead Royal Canadian Mounted Police to the bodies.

Hall said the money, paid a short time after Olson's arrest Aug. 12, went to "someone associated" with Olson, while Shantz said it was paid "for the benefit of relatives."

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U.N. postpones sanctions vote

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 15 (Agencies) — A Security Council session that was to have voted Friday night on a resolution calling for sanctions against Israel over its annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights has been suspended indefinitely. It was announced here.

Reliable sources said the adjournment followed a request by Jordan which had introduced the resolution. The reason was reportedly a switch by Panama which had earlier said it would support the Jordanian text but then decided to abstain in the vote.

Earlier, U.S. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick assailed an Arab sanctions resolution against Israel Thursday as "profoundly anti-U.S. in conception and intent." Her statement underscored United States determination to veto the resolution when it came to a vote in the Security Council late Friday night.

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Vietnam and Cuba had been praised by El-Fattal because both Soviet-backed countries had spoken in support of Syria's sanctions demands during the week-long council debate on the Golan Heights issue.

At the close of the council session, Mrs. Kirkpatrick had disconcerted El-Fattal by publicly thanking him "for all of his very useful clarifications of the issue."

The American envoy ignored the Syrian's repeated requests for her to clarify her remark.

"I'm very annoyed," El-Fattal told the council. "I cannot understand it. Is she denying me the right to understand?"

Talking to reporters after the 2-hour-and-43-minute session, Mrs. Kirkpatrick said that she had meant that the Syrian's statements "had been very useful in clarifying

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Secure Gulf is the goal of 'umbrella'

MANAMA, Bahrain, Jan. 15 (AP) — The ruler of Bahrain has called for an indigenous Gulf military power capable of protecting stability of the countries of the oil-rich region, the Gulf News Agency reported Friday.

Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa made the request during a meeting here with Abdullah Bishara, secretary general of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

Bishara has been touring the GCC member states — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman — in preparation for the Jan. 25 conference in Saudi Arabia of GCC defense ministers, who are to pick formulas for collective security arrangements in the region.

"His highness explained the principles entailed by the concept of Gulf security umbrella: independence policy, rejection of foreign influence, and consolidation of stability," Bishara told the Gulf news agency.

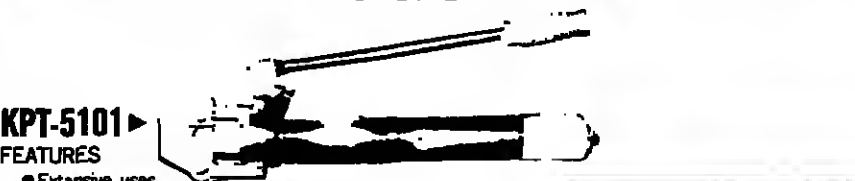
"This can be achieved only through an indigenous power whether mental or military that can protect and safeguard Gulf stability."

Such a security umbrella is not meant merely as a "rapid deployment force that can be sent anywhere," said Bishara. He said the concept of security "should be broader and all embracing." He did not elaborate.

GCC states have accused Iran of instigating a campaign of subversion in the Gulf. Bahrain, which aborted a subversive bid last month, called for urgent GCC measures to counter the Iranian thrust. (Related news pg. 3)

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Saudi-Pakistan

Joint firm holds meeting

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 15 (SPA) — The newly-established \$100 million Saudi-Arabian Pakistan Industrial and Agricultural Investment Company held its first meeting here Thursday night and decided to concentrate on agro-industries, fertilizers, dairy products and agricultural machinery, according to Pakistan's Finance Minister Ghulam Khan Friday.

The company was formed last year during a visit to Pakistan of the Kingdom's Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aha Al-Khail. Each country put up 50 percent of the capital. Khan said that the joint company will further promote relations between the two countries, especially in trade. He expressed gratitude for the King-

MWL plans parley

U.N., Jan. 15 (SPA) — The Makkah-based Muslim World League will organize here Saturday a seminar on the economic aspects of Islam which will review the economic conditions of the world in light of Islamic teachings. A number of leading economists and religious scholars will take part.

dom's support in improving the economic strength of his country.

Meanwhile, Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aha Al-Khail said that the company is a result of the close ties that bind the Kingdom and Pakistan. In a message conveyed by Assistant Undersecretary for International Cooperation Isama Jaafar Faqih, Aha Al-Khail stressed that with the beginning of operations by the company the excellent relations between the two countries will gain additional strength.

Speaking at a press conference here Thursday, Faqih said that the meeting had formulated the guidelines of the company's policy and reviewed Pakistan's development plans. "The establishment of the company reflects a new trend adopted by the two governments to expand cooperation to new areas and participate in significant economic projects," he said.

Asked about the profits expected from the company's activities, Faqih replied: "We did not come here as foreign investors. Our countries are bound by Islamic ties."

Hotels reached 232 last year ; 100 to be added

RIYADH, Jan. 15 (SPA) — The number of hotels in the Kingdom numbered 232 with 20,022 rooms by October last year, according to official statistics.

Of these, 13 are deluxe accommodations with 3,549 rooms, and 31 with 5,930 rooms are first class. The 79 second class hotels have a capacity of 6,130 rooms while 109 third class hotels across the country incorporate 4,408 rooms.

Jeddah takes first place in regard to the number and capacity of its hotels. There are 46 hotels with 5,360 rooms in the city. Riyadh has 33 hotels with 4,178 rooms and the Eastern Province—Dahran, Dammam and Al Khobar — 36 hotels with 3,809 rooms. Makkah has 2,370 rooms in 31 hotels while Madinah has 2,328 rooms in 41 hotels. Taif, the Kingdom's chief resort city, has 14 hotels with 614 rooms and the Southern Region — Ahha and Khamis Mushait — has 551 rooms in 13 hotels. The remaining 18 hotels with 812 rooms are situated in other areas of the Kingdom.

Hotel projects, whose investments had been approved by October, 1981, stood at 100 with a combined capacity of 14,449 rooms. Work has begun on 62 of these hotels which will bring an additional 9,633 rooms.

The hotels department has been assigned to revise the tariffs and classes of all hotels in the country every two years. The re-evaluation will be based on reports presented by inspectors.

The department has requested all hotels in the Kingdom to keep a copy of the Holy Quran, its translation and a prayer mat in every room. It stressed that these should be kept in a prominent and safe place. Hotels also have been urged to provide prayer places to enable workers to perform their religious rites at their appropriate times.

An announcement also will be placed in every hotel asking clients to abide by Islamic traditions and customs in their conduct and dress. The department also requested hotels to use the Arabic language primarily in their dealings, with the optional use of any other foreign language.

Swimming pools and recreation areas in hotels should be governed by Islamic principles, the department said. Separate timings should be specified for men and women.

KSU to host seminar

RIYADH, Jan. 15 (SPA) — Riyadh's King Saud University will host Monday the third seminar of departments of student affairs in the Kingdom's universities. The four-day seminar will deal with housing, food, financial assistance, appointment, loans and health care for students. It also will discuss social, cultural and sports activities for the students.

Prayer Times

Saturday	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:30	12:31	12:03	11:49	12:14	12:43
Asr (Afternoon)	3:38	3:35	3:06	3:50	3:14	3:40
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:01	5:56	5:27	5:11	5:35	6:01
Isha (Night)	7:31	7:26	6:57	6:41	7:05	7:31

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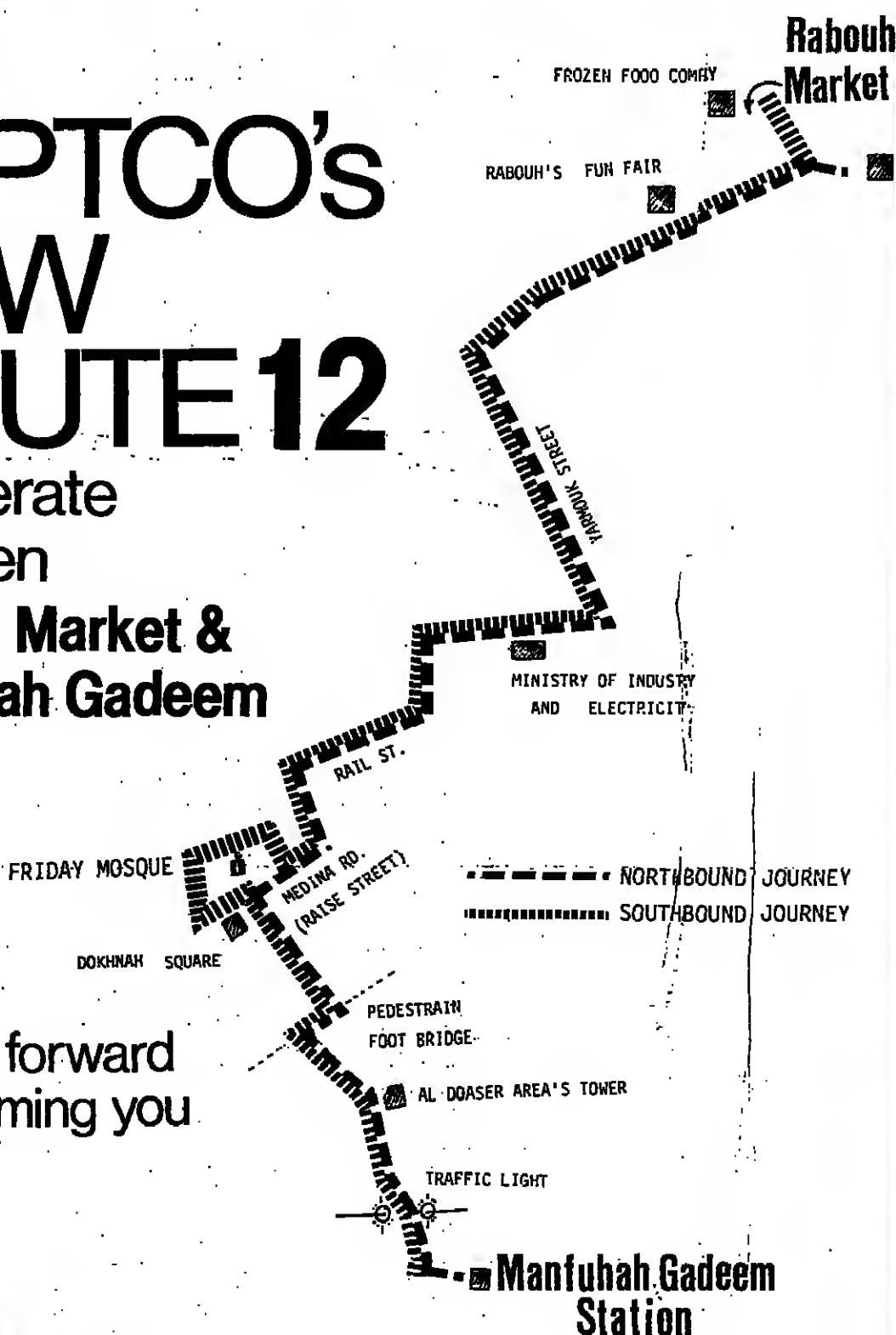
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Gulf oil policy to be drawn up

BAHRAIN, Jan. 15 (R) — Oil ministers of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council will meet next month to formulate a common oil policy, GCC Secretary-General Abdullah Bishara said Thursday night.

"We know there are differences on prices and production, but we shall for the first time initiate a unified oil policy not only concerning price and output but also for finding energy alternatives," he said. The policy would be complementary and not inconsistent with that of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), Bishara added.

The meeting would take place toward the end of February but no date had yet been fixed, he said. He did not mention the venue, which is likely to be Riyadh, headquarters of the GCC.

Western oil executives said Bishara's remarks indicated the six states — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates — intended to pursue an oil policy of accommodation and not confrontation.

The GCC was created in May of last year to face external threats collectively through economic integration, along the lines of the European Economic Community (EEC).

Bishara, answering questions after addressing the annual dinner of the Bahrain Society of Engineers, said: "We cannot tamper with

oil the way we want. We feel we are the guarantors of keeping the oil flowing (to world markets). Whatever steps that we take shall reflect this factor."

In his statement Bishara, Kuwait's former United Nations representative, said the world expected the Gulf states to ensure the flow of oil and to protect navigation routes in the area.

"A failure by the Gulf states to ensure the outflow of oil would produce incalculable risks, without excluding direct military confrontation," he said.

Other meetings of the council's member states this and next month include an interior ministers conference, Jan. 25, a defense ministers conference and an economy ministers conference.

IDF lends private industries SR12b

RIYADH, Jan. 15 (SPA) — The Industrial Development Fund has so far spent SR12 billion in loans to authorized private sector industries as part of the SR44 billion spent by the government in the industrialization program of the country, according to Dr. Fuad Al-Farsi, deputy minister of industry and electricity, Friday.

Farsi said there are at present 1,200 factories in production with 800 more to come onstream shortly. The existing industrial estates will be developed during the remaining years of the current five-year development plan. Two more industrial estates will be built, in Madinah and Khamis Mushait.

The privately-owned industries in the country have a total workforce of 64,000 but the government is keen to reduce this number by encouraging the development of capital-intensive industries in order to curtail the country's dependence on foreign labor, Farsi said. "This is being done through carefully-planned training schemes to create an adequate number of qualified Saudi Arabian personnel," he added.

The ministry does not compel the would-be investor to go in for a particular project but studies all the options through the Saudi Consulting House. The ministry guides investors and directs them toward specific areas like the making of airconditioners, refrigerators, engineering industries with the necessary foreign expertise and genuineness of foreign partners. "We have to be careful," he said "because there have been cases of specious intent."

Farsi appealed to capital owners to "invest right here at home" because of the economics of the schemes and the benefits that would accrue to them and their country. The ministry has encouraged foreign investments in certain sectors in collaboration with experienced local companies. It has formed a high-powered committee representing the ministries of industry and electricity, commerce, petroleum and minerals, planning, agriculture and water. Weekly meetings are held to study the proposals for investments submitted by local companies and their foreign partners who must have consulted with their

own governments.

Foreign investors are required to contribute to the capital and the knowhow so that they prove they are quite serious about their intentions to invest in the Kingdom.

So far, the standard of industries set up by the private sector has been high and impressive according to both local and foreign experts. Their production is satisfactory while a few of them have already fulfilled the local demand. They include bricks and building blocks, paint and gypsum. When all the existing cement factories start full capacity production they will supply 60 percent of the local market requirements.

Joint ventures among the Gulf states are being handled for the Kingdom by the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), Farsi said. The Gulf Industrial Consulting Organization is coordinating industrial projects and making recommendations for new ones. It has prepared and approved the feasibility study for glass making industry to be built in Iraq. There is also a plan to build a tyre-making factory.

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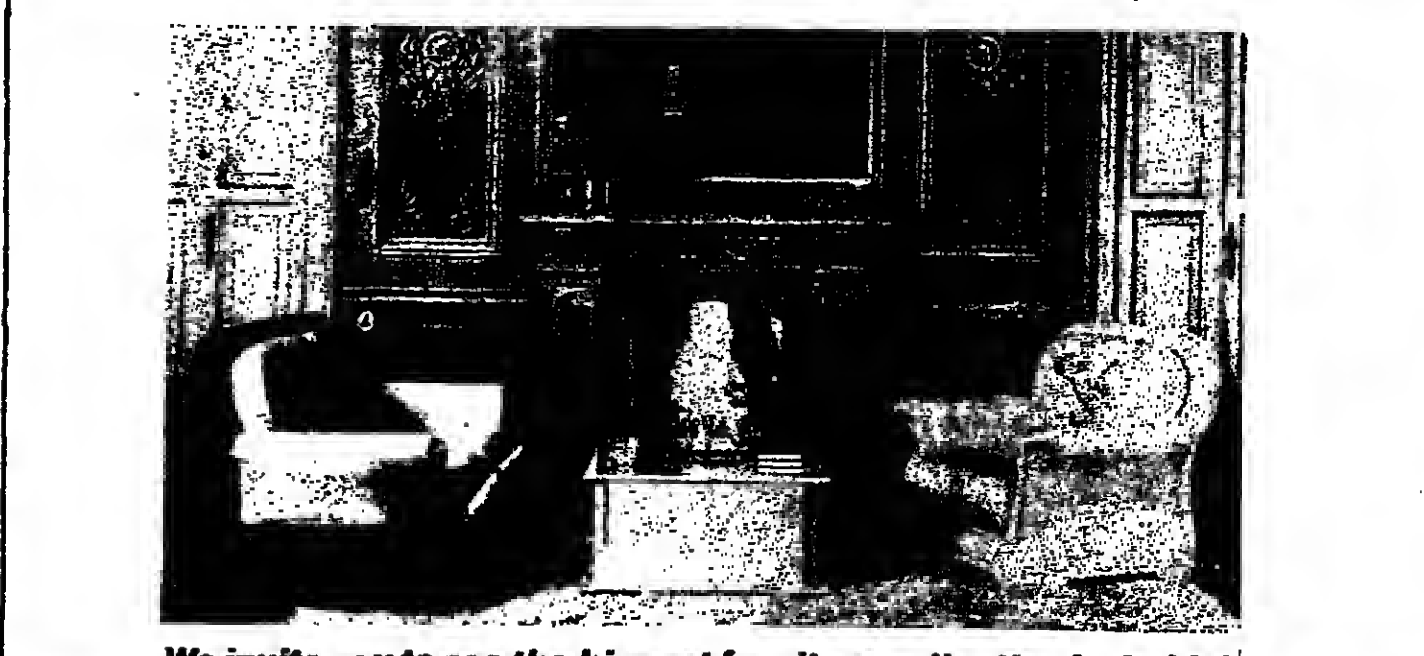
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Egypt, Israel to make new effort on autonomy

TEL AVIV, Jan. 15 (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig said Friday that both Israel and Egypt have promised to make "an extraordinary effort" to reach an accord on Palestinian autonomy as soon as possible.

At a news conference before leaving for Washington, Haig said he would return to the Middle East in two weeks to continue talks with negotiators. He said he was leaving "with a sense of dedication and renewed urgency with a view to having an autonomy accord as soon as possible."

Haig acknowledged there are still "many differences between the parties" about how to achieve self-rule for the 1.5 million Palesti-

nians living in Israeli-occupied territory.

Haig called on Prime Minister Menachem Begin Friday for a second visit and he was returning to Washington with what Interior Minister Yosef Burg called "a resume" of Israel's position on self-rule for the Palestinians of the West Bank of the Jordan and the Gaza Strip, lands occupied in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

Burg, Israel's chief autonomy negotiator, accused the Egyptians of "stalling the negotiations for the past one and a half years," and said that "if the Egyptians are not forthcoming in these negotiations, there will be a very, very difficult atmosphere here in the country."

Klibi says time ripe for summit

BAHRAIN, Jan. 15 (R) — Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi arrived here from Amman Friday for talks with Bahraini leaders on Middle East developments. Klibi, on a tour of Arab states, told the Gulf News Agency that his talks would center on joint Arab action and problems resulting from

Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights.

He said the time was ripe to consider resuming an Arab summit conference that was postponed in Morocco in November because of the absence of some Arab leaders.

Ecevit to be released next month

ANKARA, Jan. 15 (R) — Former Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit, serving a three-month jail term for defying a military ban on public statements, will be released on Feb. 1, his lawyer said Friday.

Ecevit was jailed on Dec. 3 after a martial

law court found him guilty of violating a military decree aimed at gagging former politicians.

Under the Turkish penal code a prisoner's term is usually reduced by one-third for good conduct and lack of an earlier conviction.

Khaddam, Gromyko ponder M.E.

MOSCOW, Jan. 15 (AFP) — Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam and his Soviet counterpart Andrei Gromyko resumed their talks here Friday on the situation in the Middle East and Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights, Tass news agency reported.

Khaddam arrived here Thursday at the invitation of the Kremlin for "consultations" allowed for in the friendship and cooperation treaty signed between the two countries in October 1980.

During their first round of talks Thursday, Gromyko and Khaddam denounced "Israeli attempts to legitimize the annexation of the Syrian Golan (territory)." They estimated the situation in the Middle East had deteriorated following "Israeli expansionist actions, which were supported by the United States."

Khaddam was due to leave the Soviet capital later Friday, Syrian sources said.

Mitterrand's visit to Israel postponed

PARIS, Jan. 15 (AP) — President Francois Mitterrand's scheduled trip to Israel, the first visit to the Zionist state by a French president, has been postponed from February until early March, the ministry of external relations announced Friday.

The trip originally was scheduled for Feb. 10-12. No reason was given for the delay.



IN MOSCOW: Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko (left) receives his Syrian counterpart Abdul Halim Khaddam at Vnukovo airport upon Khaddam's arrival in Moscow Thursday for an official visit.

BRIEFS

BELGRADE, (R) — A conference of nonaligned foreign ministers to discuss the Palestinian question will be held in Kuwait from April 5 to 8, a Yugoslav Foreign Ministry spokesman said Friday. The extraordinary conference, proposed by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), was agreed upon at a meeting of the United Nations Nonaligned Coordination Bureau in New York last week, the spokesman said.

LONDON, (R) — Amnesty International said Friday it had asked Iran to confirm or deny press reports about the execution of Iranian dissident Shokrollah Paknejad. A spokesman for the London-based human rights organization said a cable had been sent to Iranian Prime Minister Hussein Mousavi, asking for a reply on the issue.

ABU DHABI, (R) — Senator Charles Percy, chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, arrived Friday on the seventh leg of a Middle East tour. He is expected to see senior United Arab Emirates officials for talks on bilateral relations, Middle East developments and the security situation in the Gulf, officials said.

Jordan protests to Syria over blasts

AMMAN, Jan. 15 (AP) — Jordan has sent an official protest to the Syrian government over Syria's alleged involvement in a recent wave of bombings in the Jordanian capital, according to an official statement Friday.

Jordan's Ministry of Interior issued a statement Thursday in which it blamed

"Syrian intelligence" for a bomb explosion earlier this week in a supermarket in Amman. The statement accused Muhammad Ali Dardouk, the Syrian Embassy's third secretary, of allegedly recruiting two Jordanians from the Israeli-occupied West Bank to "work with Syrian intelligence."



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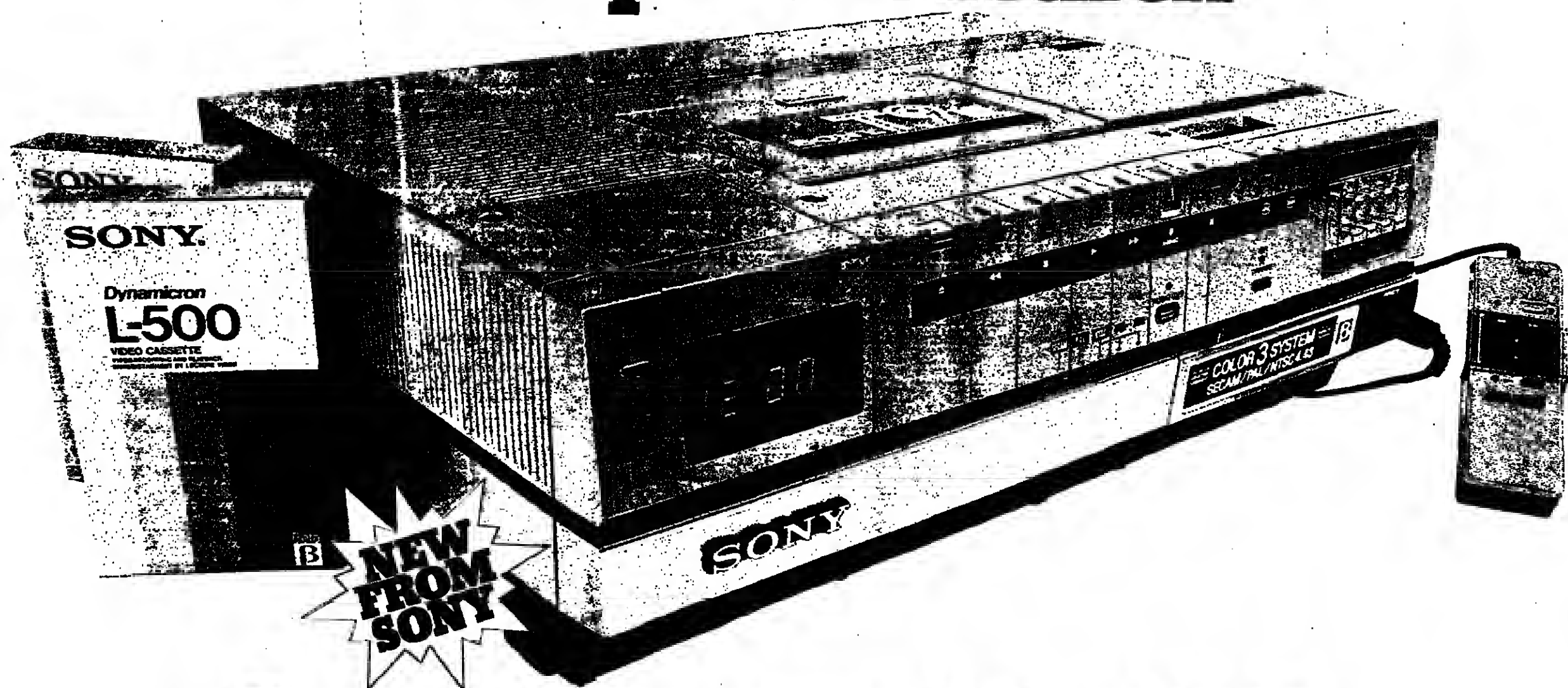
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Brazil selling arms on world market

By Peter Elmer

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — The Brazilian government has developed its own Third World-scale military-industrial complex, a multimillion dollar enterprise that supplies the nation's armed forces while selling everything from bullets to aircraft on the international market.

The military-backed government here remains secretive about details of its armament industry. But reports indicate at least 50 major firms — many of them state-controlled — are involved in the production of military equipment.

The companies have been receiving a steady stream of arms buyers from foreign governments as Brazil seeks to stimulate a weapons-exporting program that has already netted \$1.5 billion a year, according to U.S. military estimates.

"These are arms directed primarily for a Third World market, and they are quite well suited to those needs," said one U.S. military specialist, who asked not to be identified.

The diverse inventory of Brazilian armament includes equipment as sophisticated as tanks, missiles and small training planes. The South American country — reputedly now the world's fifth or sixth largest arms supplier — has made more sales, and its weapons have been used in combat conditions.

Iraq has been using the Cascavel light tank — manufactured by the army's Engesa manufacturing company — in its protracted war with Iran. The Cascavel, a six-wheel armored vehicle equipped with a 90-millimeter cannon and two 50mm machine guns, also has been used by Libya.

Recent delegations from China, Guyana and a number of other Latin American and African countries have visited Engesa and the government airplane company Embraer, both located in the southeastern industrial state of Sao Paulo.

Development of the nation's arms industry began picking up momentum in the mid-1960s as Brazil began encouraging foreign investment here. By demanding provisions for transfer of technology in its international contracts, the military-backed government created an increasingly self-sufficient domestic industry.

Adapting old designs and foreign technology, Brazil first was able to supply most of the needs of its own 200,000-member armed services, the largest in Latin America. Fifteen years later, Brazil has sold training planes and light weapons to many countries and has prospects of producing a sophisticated cannon system for major world buyers.

The cannon is called the Oerlikon, a 20mm Swiss-designed device that fires 2,100 rounds a minute, adaptable for tank, anti aircraft and naval use. Other major Brazilian arms projects include:

— A joint venture with Italy that should lead to production here of the so-called AMX subsonic fighter: a plane that would be intended specifically for Third World defense requirements.

— Development of the Piranha missile, similar to the U.S. Sidewinder.

— A 7.62-caliber submachine gun called the Uirapuru. Produced by the army, the Uirapuru is described as an easy-to-use weapon that specialists say could rival U.S. and Soviet automatic weapons sales on the international arms market.

Brazilian researchers are working on new types of armor plating and amphibious tanks. Brazil also has a specialized shipbuilding industry, and diplomatic and military sources say there are plans eventually to build a conventionally powered attack submarine.

The arms industry and its resulting revenues, while growing rapidly, play only a small role in Brazil's overall economy, which is burdened by a \$60 billion foreign debt.

Foreign Minister Ramiro Saraiva Guerreiro was quoted recently as saying that Brazil's defense budget represents less than one percent of its gross domestic product, making it "one of the world's lowest." (AP)

Begin trying to muzzle state media

By Marcus Eliason

TEL AVIV — Israel's parliament conducted an acrimonious debate Wednesday on charges that Prime Minister Menachem Begin is trying to muzzle the state-financed media. Begin's critics claimed he forced Israel to withdraw a report quoting an opposition politician as saying Defense Minister Ariel Sharon was "irresponsible and unbalanced."

Begin denied it, saying the radio had stopped broadcasting the story voluntarily when all he had asked for was an apology.

"I never asked that the broadcast be withdrawn," Begin claimed in parliament. "It never occurred to me to ask such a thing." But the radio had insulted Sharon, he asserted, "and all I asked was that it express regret."

The incident was the latest round in a worsening confrontation between officialdom and Israel's state radio and television, which Begin claims are anti-government. The radio and television are under constant official attack for their handling of domestic news and their forthright coverage of Palestinian unrest on the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan River.

Israel's four radio networks and television's two are controlled by a board of public figures traditionally dominated by representatives of the political party in power. Although the heads of the broadcasting authority are hand-picked supporters of Begin's Likud Bloc, radio and television generally enjoy some freedom.

But some fear such freedom is being eroded. "There are grounds for deep concern about freedom of expression in the broadcasting authority and about the public's right to be informed," the daily newspaper *Haaretz* said in an editorial.

The broadcasting authority has recently suppressed a report on Sharon that played critical of Israeli army conduct; a documentary about a house that belonged to Palestinians and is now occupied by Jews, and an interview with a university professor who called former Prime Minister Golda Meir "a wicked old woman."

But it allowed Israel radio on Saturday to broadcast the attack on Sharon from Haim Bar-Lev, a former military chief of staff who is now a leading member of the opposition Labor Party.

"It's a disgrace that a national radio opens its newscast with insults directed at a cabinet minister," Begin said at the time. "Thousands of soldiers ... bear that their defense minister is unbalanced. Don't the news editors have anything else to broadcast?"

Labor's Michael Bar-Zohar, in a letter to Education Minister Zevulun Hammer who is in charge of broadcasting, called Begin's intervention "a vulgar example of politicization and clear intervention in media freedom."

The incident came as Israel television was facing a storm of criticism for its reporting of a police investigation of Yitzhak Moda'i, minister without portfolio in Begin's cabinet.

Israel TV last week opened a prime time newscast by saying police were investigating whether Moda'i had taken kickbacks on state oil purchases. But later, when police cleared the minister, the news was buried in TV news bulletins.

Moda'i then gave a TV interview in which he accused the network of smearing him and suggested it was time to clamp down on the media.

Yosef Lapid, director-general of the broadcasting authority, acknowledged Moda'i's exoneration should have been given more prominence. But he said "Television didn't invent the suspicions." (AP)

Ghanaians split over Rawlings' coup

By Lois Effen

ACCRA —

Ghanaians appear divided in their support for the two-week-old military administration of Flight-Lt. Jerry John Rawlings which has yet to announce clear-cut policies. There is a general lassitude among the 12 million Ghanaians about the self-assumed arbiter role played in Ghanaian politics by the army which has staged five coups since independence from Britain in 1957.

There is also a fair degree of optimism, especially among working-class Ghanaians who represent the backbone of support for the 34-year-old "J.J." (his initials) and his revolution, following a New Year's eve coup.

They hope a radical change through his so-called "house-cleaning exercise" against *kalabala* (corruption) will improve what are at present very poor living conditions. But there is, especially among the professional classes, an evident reluctance to commit themselves to a revolution that remains imprecise in its aims, while the business community sees the coup as a threat to its activities.

There are still more questions about the coup than clues as to how the seven-man provisional National Defense Council, half-military, half-civilian, will administer the country. Among the most urgent questions is what to do about the near-bankrupt economy and whether to devalue the grossly-overvalued national currency, the Cedi, which changes hands on a thriving black market at 15 or 16 times its official rate.

So far there have been no indications from the council on this issue, explaining in part why large numbers of professional people and businessmen are still undecided. "Don't sit on the fence," the daily *Graphic* newspaper wrote in a headline, calling on people to come out in support of the revolution.

The Cedi issue was likely to be the main stumbling block in the way of economic recovery, informed sources said, adding it would largely determine what foreign aid Ghana received, including help from the International Monetary Fund which last year proposed a four-year, \$1.4 billion package if conditions were right and included some form of devaluation.

The economy under former President Hilla Limann was dominated by black market transactions and complacent officials turned a blind eye, the sources said.

In narrow lanes near Accra's central Makola market, the money dealers, who are the real bankers for black market traders and provide hard currency for people to buy goods over Ghana's borders, took fright at the coup and shut up shop. This

made it almost impossible in the first days after the coup to change Cedis for foreign currency and vice versa, the sources said.

Since then, turnover has dropped considerably and lack of "black market" foreign currency could affect supply in the long run, the sources said, also pointing to a chronic shortage of foreign currency in state coffers. The foreign currency allowed "market mummies" to bring in all kind of goods from neighboring countries to sell at what the sources said were exorbitant prices.

After a few hours' fright on the day of the coup when they fled the market in a panic, they reopened shop and were again doing brisk business although they had cut prices somewhat under repeated pressure from Rawlings, eyewitnesses said.

Despite appeals and warnings, prices of most commodities remained high for the ordinary worker with a basic wage of twelve Cedis a day as a tin of sardines fetched 16 Cedis and a loaf of bread 12, the sources said.

The behavior of armed soldiers in the street contrasted sharply with their actions during the early stages of his first coup in 1979 when street vendors were beaten up and traders terrorized into bringing down their prices, the sources said. But incidents against some traders in the central city of Kumasi were reported by the Ghana news agency which said traders in two places had their stalls set on fire by soldiers because they refused to lower prices.

Nevertheless, the sources said they felt the more disciplined behavior was the result of direct instructions from Rawlings who has repeatedly cautioned against harassment of the civilian population, warning of "exemplary revolutionary justice" to be meted out to offenders.

They noted that Lebanese traders, who form the backbone of retailing here, have not been molested as they were in 1979 after which many of them left Ghana.

Political sources stressed the apparently greater maturity of Rawlings' approach, the new-found discretion shown in his dealings with the press and the public. Since the coup he has made only one major public appearance and three radio broadcasts, apparently concentrating on the business of government.

Some sources believed this new attitude, contrasting sharply with that of the inexperienced man of 1979, may indicate a more considered approach to the huge problems facing Ghana. Some diplomats felt he had apparently learned a great deal from the mistakes of 1979 when he had three former heads of state tried and executed.

Others were worried by potential human rights violations after the suspension of the constitution

and the dismissal of freely-elected parliamentarians. Their worries were aggravated by press reports that a 45-year-old farmer in the central Ashanti region was sentenced to a year in prison for daring to discredit the ruling council by accusing them of not knowing what they were doing. (R)

U.N. OR U.S. COUNCIL?

As is well known, the United States has its own National Security Council, which is, at least in theory, not to be confused with the United Nations Security Council. We say, "in theory," because in practice, the U.N. Security Council is as American as the other council.

That this is the case, that the U.N. Council is "international" only in name, can be demonstrated from the fact that the international community has never succeeded in using it to express its collective will, if this was seen as inconvenient by the United States. America's veto has made the Security Council a purely American forum, in which America plays the role of both judge and jury. Those who do not like this fact can of course complain — but only to that same Council where America's word is law.

The present wrangle over the Arab resolution against Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights is only last in a long series of such subversion of the will of the international community by the United States. Long ago in 1950 America railroaded both the U.N. Council and the General Assembly into armed intervention in Korea. America proved it could use that supposedly international forum against even the Soviet Union, one of the members in possession of the right to veto.

It is perhaps time that the international community realized the futility of resorting to the Security Council in times of trouble and, instead, turned directly to the United States. A great deal of time and effort would be thereby saved, and the nature of the United States' role in international politics would be once and for all clarified. Is America, as it claims, the guardian of justice and freedom in the world, or does it merely use this as a convenient slogan?

In the case of the Golan, the test would be decisive. For here America cannot claim it is powerless to act. Let the international community therefore see whether it will force Israel to rescind its decision — and it can do that very easily — or whether it will confirm its act of international theft.

Saudi Arabian press review

Friday's newspapers commented on the expected American veto of U.N. sanctions against Israel over the latter's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights.

Al-Madinah said that the Reagan administration is vying with that of Lyndon Johnson in throwing its lot with the Zionist entity by providing it with a completely protective cover for every criminal act perpetrated against the Arab and Muslim peoples.

It said that the U.S. administration is actually selling its independence and willpower in the Jewish market by protecting, arming and supporting aggressive Israeli acts.

The paper expressed appreciation of the stands taken by the rest of U.N. members "who recognized that a grave act of aggression has been committed by annexing the Syrian Golan Heights and that this act must be undone to restore credibility to the international organization."

Okaz severely lambasted the U.S. for playing a "dirty game" by blocking the imposition of sanctions against Israel. "The U.S. is using the veto not to uphold justice and integrity, but to protect Israeli

acts of international brigandage and to allow it to continue to flout international law and morality," the paper said.

On the same subject, *Al-Jazirah* inquired on the other Arab alternative if the Security Council failed to impose sanctions against the Israeli entity. It said in such event, "the Arabs have two options: They either submit the annexation issue to the U.N. General Assembly for debate on the basis of the assembly's resolution, since the annexation is against world peace, or they take the whole issue to national Arab bodies to adopt the necessary action for recovering the Golan as well as the West Bank and Gaza Strip and regaining the rights of the Palestinian people."

The paper asserted that Arab solidarity is the only way for a joint action against the Israeli challenge. It urged the Arabs to accelerate moves for achieving unity before Israel strikes again to complicate matters for the Arabs and render the international community unable of taking any action against the Zionist aggression.

الشرق الأوسط

Women's costumes presented today Turkish Festival features shows, lectures, cultural exhibitions

By Razna Skidqi

JEDDAH — An exhibition today of ladies costumes will highlight the ten-day Turkish Food Festival inaugurated Tuesday evening by Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen, deputy governor of Makkah. The ladies program will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is being sponsored by the Al Faisaliyah Women's Welfare Society. Entry will be by ticket and proceeds will go to support the welfare society.

Men's clothing will be presented during an exhibition Sunday by Beymen Fashions. All 180 dresses for women are made of silk, while the men's exhibition will include 40 pieces styled in raw silk or a mixture of cotton and light wool material. All clothes have been designed with local weather conditions and accepted dress requirements in mind.

Well-known Turkish architect Professor Bulent Ozur will deliver a lecture at the festival Jan. 18 on "A typological survey of Turkish mosques;" and on Jan. 20, the Turkish radio and television musical ensemble is scheduled to present a concert.

The festival, sponsored by the Technical Project Contracting Company of Saudi Arabia, in collaboration with the Turkish Tourism Office, Turkish Airlines and several other Turkish business concerns, offers a selection of culinary delights for dinner and includes the display and sale of items ranging from pottery to calligraphy, textiles, handicrafts, and fine silk carpets.

A program of lectures, concerts and haute couture presentations from the Beymen house of fashions are added attractions and distinguish the festival from other food and cultural shows that in recent years have become a regular feature of the Jeddah scene. According to the organizers, the festival has been arranged to further improve cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

Magnetic fields cause violent solar activity

By George Alexander

WASHINGTON (LAT) — Much of the sun's violent activity — especially those spectacular explosions known as solar flares — is due to powerful magnetic fields that become as twisted as over-wound rubber bands, eventually "snap" and then erupt through the star's outermost layers.

The long-standing image of the sun as a sphere of gases in which the inwardly-directed forces of its own gravity are neatly counterbalanced by the outward pressures of thermonuclear "burning" is "oversimplified," Sabatino Sofia of the U.S. space agency's Goddard Space Flight Center said.

Now, thanks to a decade of intensive research from ground-based observatories, balloon-borne instruments and satellite experiments, Sofia and other scientists said that they have begun to better understand the complex turbulence that seethes inside the sun.

They have found, for example, that the solar corona — that wispy shell of gas enveloping the sun that usually is visible only during an eclipse — gives off large amounts of very strong x-rays, as well as throwing off great quantities of ionized gas at very high speeds.

James A. Ionsen, another Goddard physicist, told the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science that the discovery of powerful magnetic fields whipping back and forth inside the sun is now seen as the mechanism responsible not only for these phenomena, but for the explosions called flares, variations in the diameter of the sun, fluctuations in solar luminosity, and the 11-year cycle of sun spots as well.

In turn, Ionsen, Sofia and other physicists participating in a panel on solar flares said that these variations in the sun's output can now begin to be tied to the so-called "mini-ice ages" and other climatic oddities of the past few centuries on earth.

Deep inside the core of the sun, the scientists explained, the sun is fusing hydrogen, deformed helium and releasing tremendous quantities of radioactive energy. Much of this energy is absorbed in the upper layers of the sun, just below its visible surface, in a zone where convection cells — rising and sinking plumes of hot electrified gas — are created.

Because the sun is also rotating rapidly, and because a moving electrical field generates a magnetic field, this zone is the site of the sun's magnetic fields.

"The stellar gas — what we call a plasma — is a good conductor of electricity as is a coil of wire," Ionsen said. "The major difference being that a coil of wire has a fixed (shape) while the plasma is a fluid and able to take on many different shapes."

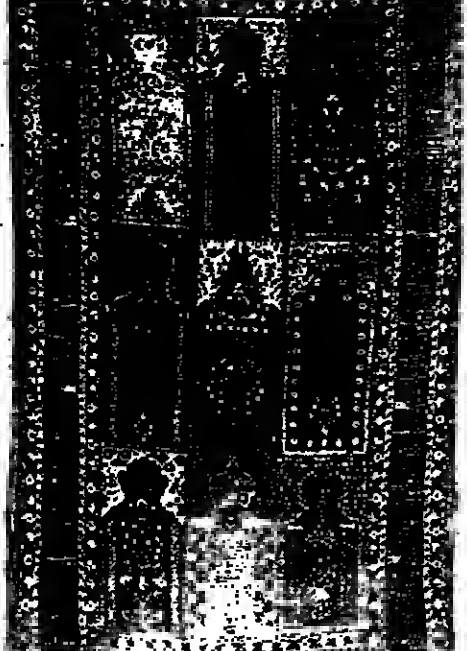
In fact, Ionsen and Sofia explained, as the sun spins, these plasma-induced magnetic tubes grow in strength and start to get twisted like the rubber band on a model airplane. The strength of these tubes can build to a point where the electromagnetic forces actually heat and lift the outer layer of the sun by as much as 100 to 200 miles.

Periodically, on a scale of approximately once every 11 years or so, the intensities of these fields build to a point where the tubes are no longer confined to the convection zones. Then, in Sofia's words, "buoyancy... makes the magnetic tubes float above the solar surface, showing up (on ground-based telescopes and other scientific instruments) as 'active' regions." These regions sometimes are characterized by handle-like loops that sometimes emerge from the surface and then bend back down into the sun, their powerful magnetic forces completely contained, and sometimes as uncontrollable flares bursting from the sun and spewing their pent-up energies in all directions.

The dissipation of these energies causes the sun to relax and shrink its previously bloated surface.

two brotherly Muslim nations — and to project the progress achieved in various fields by modern Turkey.

As Omer M. Umar, general representative for Turkey explained, "Our two countries are linked with each other through Islam and have historic cultural ties, but there has not been enough flow of information and know-



TURKISH CARPET: A large portion of the exhibit area is reserved for carpets and two of the best specimens adorn the entrance to the carpet section.

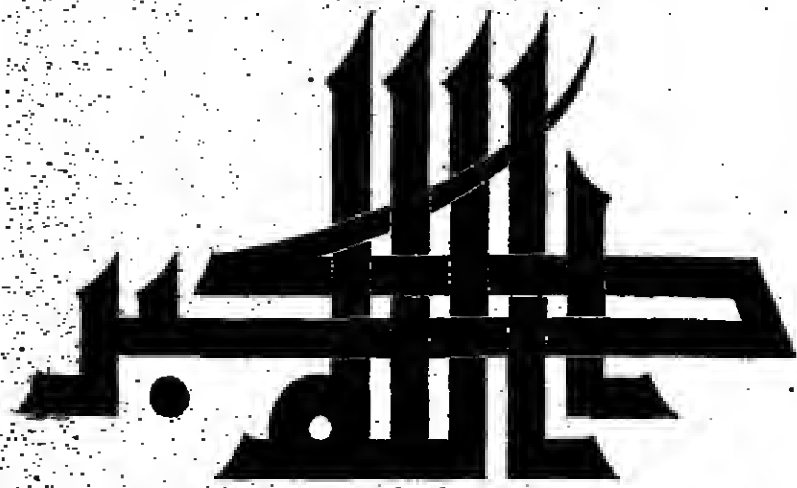
ledge about each other. We felt the need to fill up this gap through concrete activities like this event in order to promote our relations further."

Umar, who has been visiting the Kingdom for the past two years, on behalf of the Turkish firms, felt that although there was collaboration between the two Muslim countries in construction and fields related to this activity there was need and desire on the part of Saudi Arabia and Turkey to improve the existing friendly relations and know more about each other in the cultural and social fields.

"Although our relations have gone through centuries, in my opinion what we know about each other is far less than what we would like to know in the social, economic and cultural fields," said Umar. He was one of the driving forces in organizing the Turkish food festival. He is at hand to proudly and painstakingly explain to the visitors the items on display and answer all their queries.

A large portion of the exhibit area is reserved for carpets. More than 80 silk carpets of the finest quality have been brought for display at the Nova Park. Two of the best specimens adorn the entrance to the carpet section.

Levent Binat of Aykut Carpets explained that each of the two carpets measuring 1.35 x 0.83 meters took two and a half years to complete. The carpets have 16 by 16 knots per square centimeter. The same carpet maker completes the weaving in order to ensure neatness and refinement. The most interesting carpets in the collection, and incidentally the easiest on the pocket book, are 50 small (about a foot long) "baby carpets." Each carpet is priced according to color,



FINE CALLIGRAPHY: One of the very popular exhibits at the Turkish Food Festival is the calligraphy work done by Prof. Emin Barin.

design and finesse ranging from SR4800.00 up. Even if one cannot be taken home, these specimens are a delight to see and feel.

Next to the carpets are some pretty pottery and tile pieces for which Turkey has been famous for centuries. These include lamps covered with antique embroidered material shades in both classical and modern design. There are also vases, mugs, ash trays, curios and several other items to choose from in this section including painted opaline glass pieces.

A large collection of calligraphic designs by the top Turkish calligrapher Professor Emin Barin is drawing the largest crowd at the exhibition. Barin, whose calligraphic inscriptions adorn mosques and buildings in several Muslim countries including his homeland, has received awards at various international fairs. Barin is the creator of the rose-oil box presented to the late King Faisal by the Turks. Professor Barin's creations are one of the fastest selling items at the festival and he explains his calligraphic masterpieces to visitors.

There is also a display of photographs giving panoramic views of Turkey by Ozan Sagdic.

A display of designer clothes and accessories for men and women by Beymen, Turkey's biggest privately owned textile and ready to wear industrial complex is also popular with visitors.

During the festival the Royal Tent Restaurant at the Nova Park will offer a wide selection of Turkish cuisine prepared by three chefs flown in especially from Etap hotels in Turkey. According to the organizers, a maître d'hôtel and a food and beverage manager have also been brought from Turkey for the occasion to "ensure perfection."

Other than nightly Turkish cuisine and the exhibits display, the list of events included a concert by the Modern Folk Trio rendered on Jan. 12. The three world renowned young musicians Karabrahingil, Kurtaran and Canku thrilled the audience with a number of classical Turkish folk songs performed in modern style and technique. The festival ends Jan. 22.

Air safety, security is improved

By a Science Correspondent

LONDON — Two new developments promise to increase aircraft safety and security and at the same time make air transportation more efficient and less costly.

A new type of airport surveillance radar which will increase the safety of aircraft while maneuvering on the runway and improve airport security has been unveiled by a large British electronics group.

Trials at Edinburgh airport have shown that the ASMI 18X system offers a radar picture of greater definition and detail than previous equipment of its type. Runway lights, aircraft shapes and flocks of birds were easily discernible.

The system, developed by the Racal-Decca electronic group, with support from the U.K. Department of Industry and Civil Aviation Authority, is said to have superior performance in rain, dust, blowing sand and heavy snow. It has been successfully tested in heavy tropical rain in the Far East.

The trials have demonstrated that a man can be pinpointed on the radar screen walking along the runway edge two kilometers from the antenna installation. The display can be viewed under the bright light of a control tower.

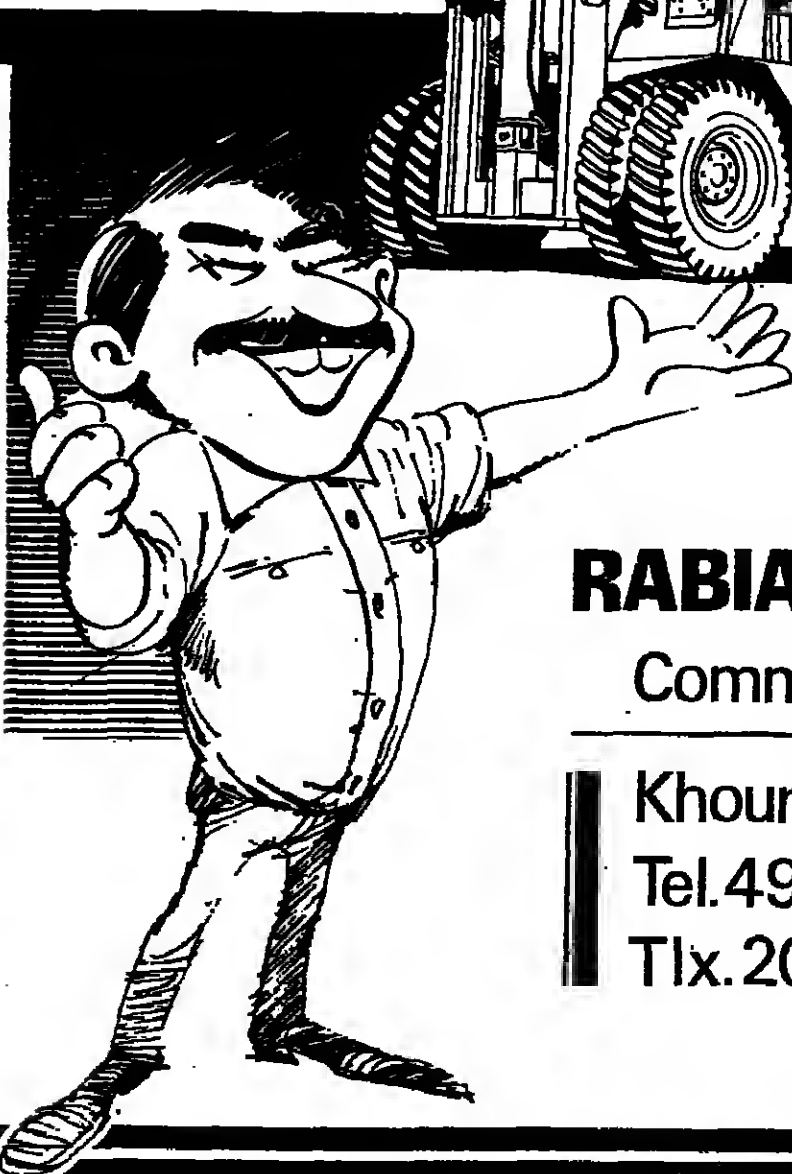
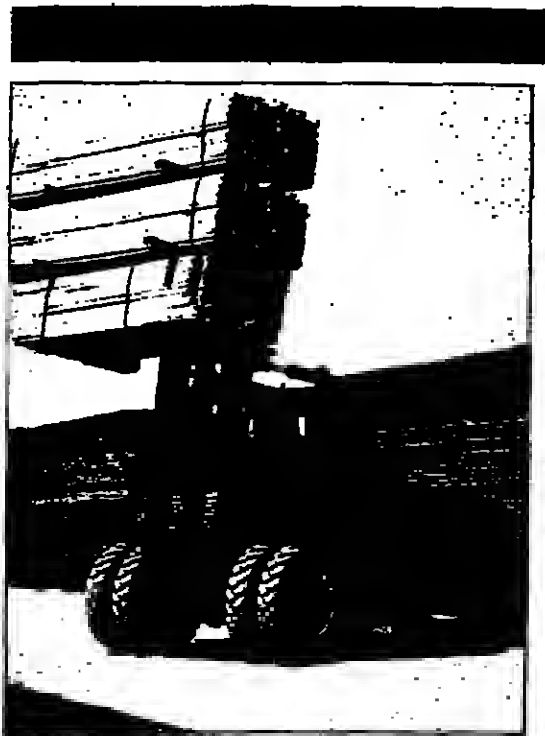
Racal-Decca also say that ASMI 18X is cheaper to produce and run than comparable earlier systems. It operates with a 5.5 meters scanner and turning unit which is lighter than existing equipment and easily mounted on control towers without costly strengthening. Additional radar heads can be mounted on towers or buildings to provide complete cover for very large airports at minimum expense.

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After six-day desert ordeal

Mrs. Thatcher's son heads for London

ALGIERS, Jan. 15 (AP) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's son Mark, stranded in the Sahara for six days during the Paris-Dakar motor rally, was scheduled to fly to London Friday less than a day after he was plucked from the barren desert of southern Algeria.

Thatcher, 28, was scheduled to leave Algiers' Boufarik military airport at 2 p.m. (1300 GMT) for the two-hour flight to London's Heathrow Airport, Algerian officials said. Journalists were barred from the military base and there was no immediate confirmation that the plane had left on schedule.

Thatcher was accompanied by his father Denis, who had flown to Algeria Wednesday at his wife's request to monitor the air and land search for their son. The two Thatchers arrived in Algiers Friday from the southern Algerian town of Tamanrasset, where they had spent the night.

"There's no problem," Algerian officials quoted the younger Thatcher as saying during his brief stopover in Algiers. "I can't thank Algeria enough for all the efforts undertaken in the past few days," his father said. They managed to avoid a large crowd of journalists who mistakenly had been waiting for the pair at Algiers' civil airport.

Thatcher, his 38-year-old French co-driver Anny-Charlotte Verney and their mechanic Jacky Garnier, were found Thursday night in the sparsely populated Sahara region of

southern Algeria, about 400 kms (250 miles) from the town of Tamanrasset. The three had been stranded in the desert since their white Peugeot 504 broke an axle last Friday.

In London, Mrs. Thatcher said Friday her "heart stopped" when she realized her son's life was in danger.

She hoped he would not enter the gruelling race across the Sahara Desert again, but said: "You can't just tie young men and women to their mother's apron strings. You can't take all the challenge out of life for young people."

After a reunion with his father who had waited anxiously in Tamanrasset for news of his son's fate, Mark Thatcher shrugged off his desert ordeal and was surprised to learn of the worldwide attention he and his companions had attracted.

Looking fit but unkempt, with the beginnings of a beard and wearing scruffy jeans and a T-shirt, he told a news conference at the Tahat Hotel: "I am absolutely staggered. I have seen fewer journalists at a Conservative Party conference." His mother is leader of the Conservative Party.

His French co-driver Anny-Charlotte Verney, who looked fit but was shaky, was taken to a nearby hospital. But doctors said she was suffering merely from air sickness after the 250 miles (400 kms) flight from the town of Tamanrasset.

An Algerian air force pilot spotted them and their Peugeot 504 rally car earlier Thurs-

day and Algerian border guards took them to Timiaouine, just on the Algerian side of the border with neighboring Mali.

Algerian Premier Muhammad Abdel Ghani personally telephoned Mrs. Thatcher in London to tell her that her son had been found.

Mark Thatcher told the news conference that the trouble started when the rear axle of the Peugeot snapped. They settled down to wait for help, pitching their tent beside the car.

"On the second day we saw the plane belonging to the rally organizers, but unfortunately it was heading into the sun and did not see us," he said. "We were not lost. We knew where we were, although we weren't where we were supposed to be."

"But I wasn't frightened at all. I would have liked a couple of sandwiches now and again, but we were all right for water. It is complete rubbish to say we only had three days' supply. We could have gone for another

BRIEFS

MIAMI (AP) — Bernard Sansarioq, the leader of a group of exiles who allegedly invaded the Haitian island of Tortuga, has been arrested and charged with violating U.S. neutrality laws, the Coast Guard said. Sansarioq and 25 of his colleagues were being returned to Miami for legal action, said Petty Officer Greg Robinson Thursday.

NEW YORK (AP) — Nine prisoners in shackles and handcuffs overpowered a guard and seized his gun in a break for freedom from the busy Brooklyn State Supreme Court building Thursday, authorities said.

TOKYO (AP) — A Molotov cocktail exploded in the parking lot of the Soviet news agency Tass's bureau here Thursday night, but caused no damage or injuries, police said Friday. They quoted eyewitnesses as saying that the explosion occurred at around 9:30 p.m.

MANILA (AP) — The United States has provided \$34.1 million worth of helicopters, armaments and engineering equipment to the Philippines as part of its rental for the use of military bases in the country. Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Fabian Ver, indicating the deliveries, added that the United States would still make up for a shortage of \$25.9 million of military equipment, press reports said.

Safety changes in DC-10s planned

LONG BEACH, California, Jan. 15 (AP) — Engineers from companies that fly DC-10s heard McDonnell Douglas Corp. describe Thursday two wing slat modifications devised for the Jumbo jet following an aborted takeoff in Miami last September.

McDonnell Douglas engineers described the reasons for the proposed changes and details of instituting them of existing aircraft and fielded an assortment of questions from the airlines and other operators, said

spokesman Don Hanson.

The changes are designed to insure that wing slats, which boost lifting power for takeoff and landing, remain locked in their extended position even if the hydraulic lines that operate them are severed. Hanson said either of two hydraulic systems can operate the slats and to lose both, "you really have to have freak combination of accumulated worst circumstances."

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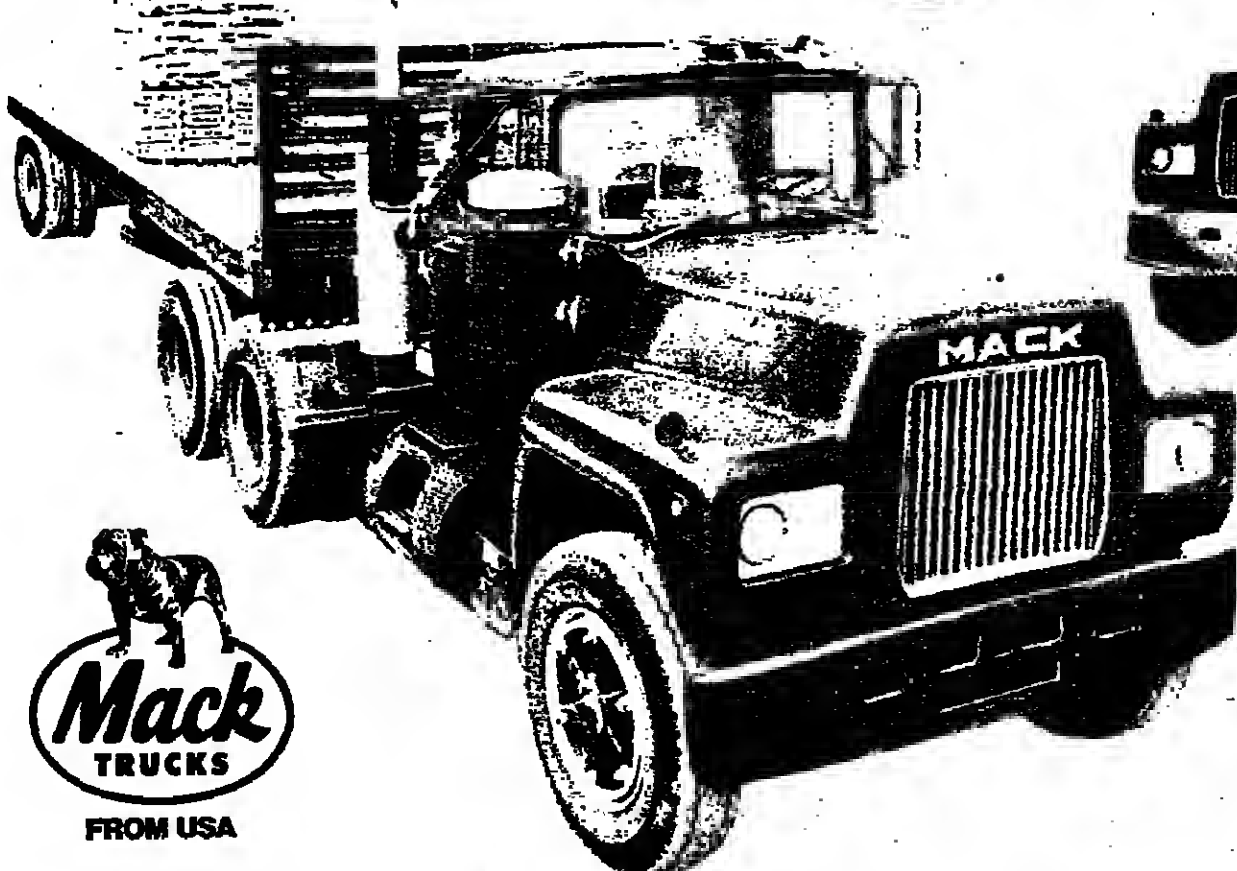
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Investors quitting Wall Street

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (R) — American investors who are worried that interest rates are about to rise again, and slow the country's recovery from recession, have been quitting Wall Street in the belief that there are richer and greener pastures on the money markets.

Share prices made a modest recovery Thursday however as President Reagan told Americans to "ignore the prophets of failure who are paralyzed with fear." He said his economic policies would restore prosperity earlier than expected, an apparent effort to reassure investors concerned about predictions from many analysts that interest rates

will rise in 1982 to challenge the record levels of last year.

Analysts say Wall Street is not in a panic over the prospect of higher rates, but the optimism with which it greeted 1982 has faded. The Dow Jones average of 30 blue-chip industrial stocks closed at 8429.28 Thursday down 40.24 points since Jan. 4.

Economists say that unless the index continues to rise in the next few days, it could fall close to the 824-point low reached last Sept. 25. Market analyst Joseph Granville then predicted one of the worst days ever for the New York Stock Exchange: the index instead

rose 18.55 points the following day.

Interest rates and recovery from recession will be determined by the interaction of monetary policy, controlled by the Federal Reserve Board which is the U.S. central bank, and fiscal policy, decided by President Reagan and Congress. The FED is apparently determined to suppress inflation by limiting the growth of money in circulation.

The president seems equally determined to boost defense spending and continue a three-year program of tax cuts even as annual deficits in the government budget of \$100 billion loom for the next three financial years. Huge government borrowings and a refusal by the FED to pump more money into the banking system will tend to push interest rates higher, most private economists say.

The prime rate, which is paid by the most creditworthy companies on their loans, hit 21.5 percent at one stage last year and now stands at 15.75 percent. The widely-respected Henry Kaufman, chief economist for the investment banking firm Salomon Brothers, leads the group of analysts forecasting higher interest rates for 1982.

Donald Maude, chief financial economist at Merrill Lynch, also believes the rates could soon reach record levels. "This may last long, but it will have to occur because of the growth in the money supply," he said Thursday.

3 states get \$133m loan for projects

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (R) — The World Bank and its affiliate, the International Development Association (IDA), have agreed to lend a total of \$133 million to Nigeria, Oman and Sudan for various development projects.

The bank said Nigeria will borrow \$100 million to improve electricity supply to 23 towns and cities. Demands for electricity in Nigeria are growing at about 20 percent a year, one of the highest rates in the world, the bank said. The loan is repayable over 20 years, with five years of grace, at an annual interest rate of 11.6 percent.

Oman will borrow \$15 million from the bank for a three-year road maintenance project costing a total of \$48.1 million. The bank previously lent \$15 million for a national maintenance program from 1978 to 1980. The loan is repayable over 15 years, with a three-year grace period, at an annual interest rate of 11.6 percent.

The IDA has agreed to an \$18-million credit for Sudan's agricultural bank, the main importer of farm materials and marketer of major cash crops. The interest-free credit is repayable over 50 years, with 10 years of grace.

For better commodity prices

ASEAN states to seek aid of Asian producers

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan. 15 (AP) — The economic ministers of five ASEAN member countries decided here Friday to seek assistance from India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Papua New Guinea and other Asian states to obtain better prices for some of the commodities they produce.

Malaysian Trade and Industry Minister Ahmad Ithauddin, who acted as spokesman for the economic ministers of Thailand, the Philippines, Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia, told reporters that Indonesia has been assigned the task of contracting these countries.

Other delegates at the three-day meeting

Britain records 12% inflation rate

LONDON, Jan. 15 (AP) — The annual rate of British inflation was 12 percent at the end of 1981, according to government figures published Friday. The 12-percent rate in December was unchanged from November.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government had set itself a target of reducing inflation to single figures by the end of the year, but high interest rates, fuel and food costs, made this impossible.

The annual rate — a cumulative total for

of the ASEAN which began Thursday said the five countries produce enough tin and rubber to confront consumer states directly in the quest for fair prices.

But ASEAN nations produce tea, cocoa, coffee, copper and other commodities in quantities too small to enable them to deal directly with consumers. So they will seek the assistance of other Asian nations to help them, said the delegates. They said the aim was not to form new organizations, but to consult larger producers like India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Papua New Guinea on an ad hoc basis so that these larger producers will represent the ASEAN view in negotiations.

The government's other measure of the cost of living, the tax and price index, which takes taxation into account, finished the year at an annual 15.6 percent — same as in November.

Ford skips dividend for first time

DEARBORN, Michigan, Jan. 15 (R) — The financially-troubled Ford Motor Company has said it would not pay its next regular dividend, the first time it has missed a payment since 1956.

The second-largest U.S. carmaker said its board voted not to pay the regular quarterly dividend of 30 cents a share for the first three months of 1982 and that this would save the company \$36 million. "The board's action reflected not only continuation of the long slump in the U.S. automo-

tive market but uncertainty in the general economy with respect to the timing of recovery," Ford said.

Ford lost \$713.8 million in the first nine months of 1981 on sales of \$29.23 billion. It has not published the fourth-quarter results. It lost \$1.54 billion in 1980, but paid dividends each quarter. The company said it needed to save cash to develop new models and expected worldwide capital spending in 1982 to be about \$1 billion more than the \$2.5 billion of last year.

For monopoly practices

Oil companies sued for \$300m

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15 (AP) — Three union locals filed a \$300 million class-action lawsuit Thursday accusing 11 multinational oil companies of gasoline monopoly practices and price-fixing.

The suit was filed in San Francisco Superior Court on behalf of all Californians who buy gasoline with credit cards at gasoline stations. It asked triple damages in compensation for alleged financial losses consumers have incurred, said Attorney Francis Scarpulla, who represents the Retail Clerks Local 648 of San Francisco, Retail Clerks Union Local 870 of Oakland and United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1288.

Defendants include Chevron USA and Standard Oil Co. of California — both based

in San Francisco — and Atlantic Richfield Co., Continental Oil, Exxon, Gulf Oil, Mobil Corp., Mobil Oil Corp., Shell Oil, Texaco and Union Oil, all of which do business in California, according to the suit.

The suit charges that 30 years ago, the oil companies eliminated competition in the production of crude oil, artificially fixed the prices at which crude oil is sold, eliminated competition in the sale of refined petroleum products and artificially fixed the prices of those products. As a result, the suit said the prices of refined petroleum products in California were raised and fixed at "uncompetitive levels." Identified as co-conspirators were 21 other multinational oil companies that do not do retail business in the state.


Caribbean looks to U.S. for help

BRIDGETOWN, Jan. 15 (R) — Caribbean countries, their economies in deep trouble, are looking to the United States for development aid, but fear that political conditions may be attached.

Their economies are structurally weak and depend on primary commodities such as sugar which have fluctuated and generally fallen on world markets. Over the last 12 months, recession in the United States has deepened their problems. At a conference held at U.S. instigation in Nassau last July, Secretary of State Alexander Haig agreed with the foreign ministers of Canada, Mexico

and Venezuela that a joint approach should be made to the development of the Caribbean, but did not make any specific economic proposals.


During the conference, however, he made remarks which, conference sources said, implied the banning of aid to left-wing countries in the region, such as Cuba, Nicaragua and Grenada. The Caribbean has been severely hit by higher oil prices over the past eight years. Although Trinidad and Tobago is a net exporter, other Commonwealth countries faced an oil bill in 1980 of over \$1 billion, according to the Caribbean Development Bank.



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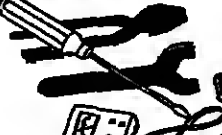
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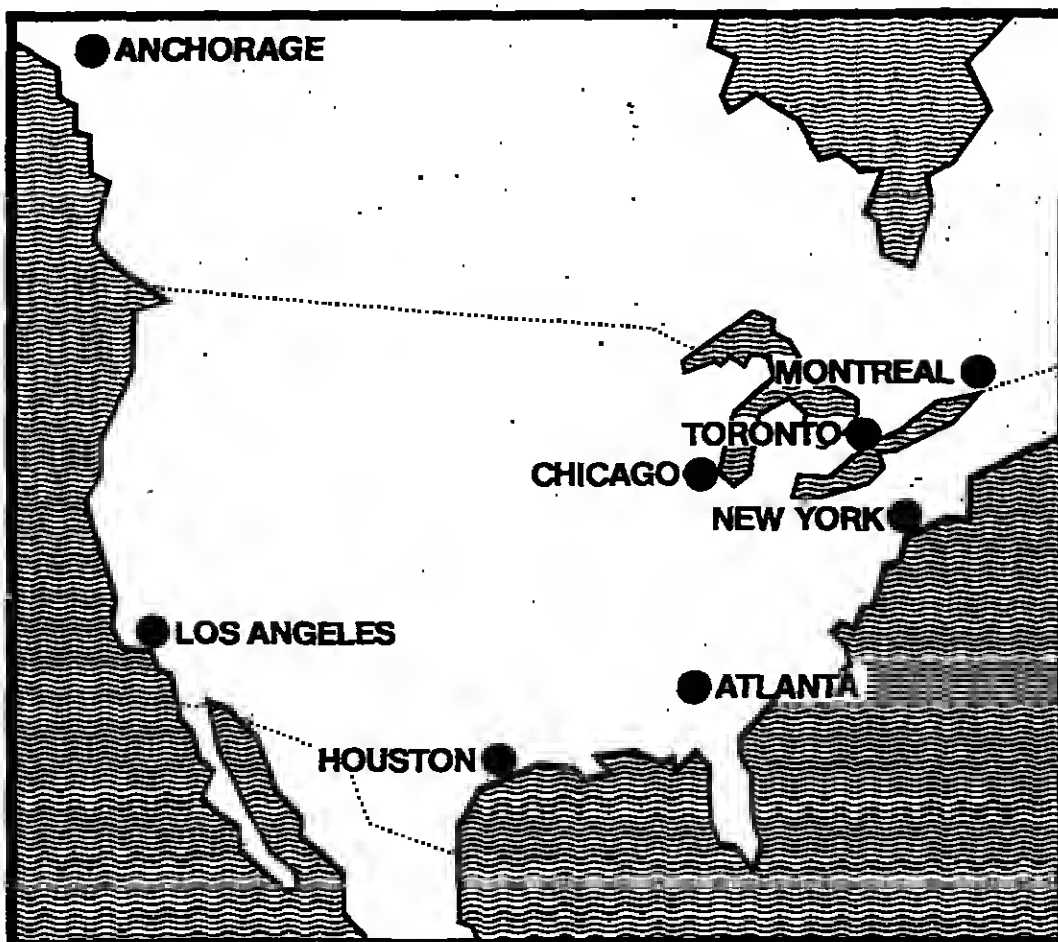
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EEC oil imports fall by 15 percent

BRUSSELS, Jan. 15 (R) — Oil imports to the European Economic Community (EEC) fell by about 15 percent in 1981 because of recession but also as a result of efforts to switch to other fuels, EEC sources said Friday.

They said imports fell to 366 million tons (7.3 million bpd), some 13 percent of all the world's oil. Actual EEC consumption fell by rather less — nine percent to 474 million tons (9.5 million bpd). Most of the difference can be attributed to British North Sea output which is rising. The sources said that for the first time imports, mostly of oil, provided less than half the energy used in the EEC.

Imports accounted for 49 percent of consumption in 1981 against 54 percent in 1980. Ten years ago, before OPEC sent oil prices soaring, the figure was 64 percent. "The sharp fall is extremely encouraging and shows we are on the right road," a senior official said. Oil companies say the decline in EEC oil imports, with similarly reduced purchases by Japan and the United States, helped cause the current world glut which has forced OPEC to cut prices.

The sources said recession and mild weather helped bringing about last year's cut

in EEC oil demand. But no impact was also beginning to be made by efforts to save fuel and switch to alternative, indigenous energy sources which started after the OPEC oil price increases.

The EEC aims to cut oil's share of energy consumption from 51 percent in 1980 to 40 percent by 1990, which will entail much more use of coal, nuclear power and gas. The sources said the new figures suggested the target could be realized. They said last year's EEC oil bill was about the same as that for 1980, at some \$100 billion. Imports fell and OPEC prices were stable but the dollar, in which oil is priced, rose against EEC currencies on foreign exchange markets. The sources said consumption of natural gas, which covers about 17 percent of EEC energy consumption, also fell last year by five percent.

Dollar eases after sharp gains

LONDON, Jan. 15 (AP) — The dollar fell back Friday morning from the sharp gains it scored Thursday, while gold and silver prices steadied in a technical reaction to a sell-off earlier this week. The dollar rates compared to late Thursday:

2.3027 West German marks, down from 2.3140.
1.8552 Swiss francs, down from 1.8632.
5.8445 French francs, down from 5.8665.
1.233.50 Italian lire, down from 1.2341.15.
2.5180 Dutch guilders, down from 2.5280.
1.1926 Canadian dollars, down from 1.1940.

The British pound rose to \$1.8680 from \$1.8586 late Thursday.
Japanese markets were closed for a public holiday Friday. In London, the dollar was quoted at 223.73 yen, down from Tokyo's closing 224.65 Thursday.

London's five bullion houses fixed a morning recommended gold price of \$377.25 a troy ounce, up from \$377.00 late Thursday.

Budget outlay doubled by Bahrain

MANAMA, (AP) — The Bahrain budget for 1982 and 1983 envisages total outlays of 1.2 billion Bahraini dinars (\$3.2 billion) of which 560 million dinars (\$1.5 billion) will go to new economic and social development projects. According to a budget decree, distributed by the Gulf News Agency Friday, expenditures exactly match revenues. The total figure is almost double the 668 million dinars (\$1.8 billion) allocated for the years 1980 and 1981.

The government in this island state, with a population of 385,000, presents biennial budgets as a means of more efficient planning. The budget figures exclude major projects such as the Saudi-Bahrain Causeway, which are carried out under Arab and international financing.

In Zurich, the metal traded at \$376.50, up from \$374.50. Earlier in Hong Kong, gold fell 52 cents to close at \$380.19.

Gold and silver dipped to their lowest levels since 1979 earlier in the week. Increased sales of gold by the Soviet Union and South Africa were cited by dealers as a major reason for the decline.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):
London 376.50
Paris 383.09
Frankfurt 380.00
Zurich 379.50
Hong Kong 380.19.

BRIEFS

JAKARTA, (R) — Indonesia is to sign a contract with Union Oil of California to develop a geothermal power station utilizing underground steam found near Jakarta to generate electricity. Mining and Energy Minister Subroto said Friday.

NEW YORK, (AFP) — Soviet gold sales last year totaled 240 tons against 90 tons in 1980, Green's Commodity Market comments said here. The publication said most of last year's selling took place in the final five months. The USSR sold gold because it needed foreign currency, and also, by pushing gold prices down, sought to demonstrate that the West was reacting calmly to the Polish crisis, it said.

SAO PAULO, Brazil, (R) — Brazil, which

has an 80 percent share of world orange juice exports, made substantial sales to the U.S. this week after a frost seriously damaged the Florida orange crop, a leading citrus processor said Thursday.

LONDON, (AP) — Nine coffee exporting nations told consumer nations at a meeting of the International Coffee Organization's executive Board Thursday that they were withdrawing their request for a transfer of export quotas to the current quarter.

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, (AP) — Iceland's coalition government announced Thursday a 15.3 percent devaluation of its krona against foreign currencies because of the country's worsening foreign trade deficit and high inflation.

Over milk, money Common Market rift persists

BRUSSELS, Jan. 15 (R) — European Common Market foreign ministers were locked in a bitter dispute over milk and money Friday, and diplomats said the chances of resolving it were slim.

The ministers began the second round of a two-day negotiating session on budget reforms still deeply divided on the crucial issues of subsidies to dairy farmers and cash rebates for Britain. Britain, France and West Germany appealed for a genuine effort to make progress. And French officials quoted the French Minister for External Relations

Claude Cheysson as saying there was a general will to agree.

But diplomatic sources said it was doubtful whether the ministers would be able to resolve a dispute that has brought national self-interest to the fore and poisoned the atmosphere of the 10-nation European Economic Community (EEC). The conflict involves British demands for reform of its EEC membership bill, which it claims is too high, and French insistence on protection of small farmers with costly EEC price subsidies.



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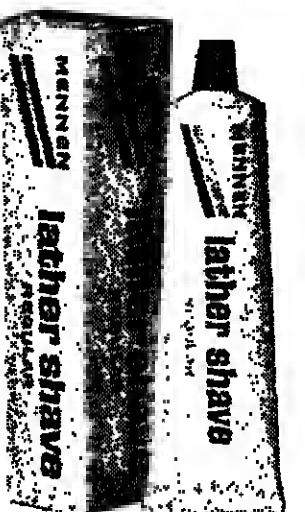


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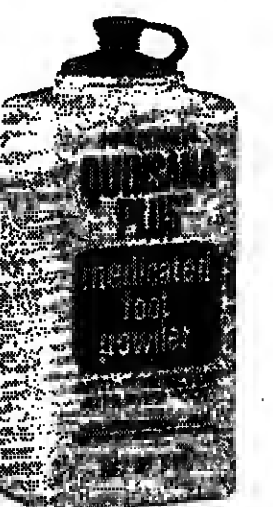
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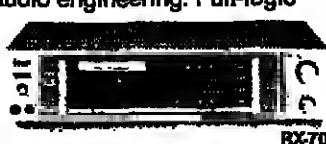
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Bullets strike late to get past Pistons

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (AP) — Jeff Ruland played his basketball in Spain last year and this season he's making a lot of National Basketball Association teams wish he had lost his plane ticket home.

Ruland, in a reserve role, had more than 20 points for the fifth time in seven games Thursday night, scoring 24 points, including 15 in the final quarter, to lead the Washington Bullets to a 121-114 victory over the Detroit Pistons.

"I really feel that I'm better suited at this time to come off the bench," said the 6-foot-11 Ruland, who hit 10 of 16 shots and also grabbed 15 rebounds. "It seems like I can get into the flow of the game by watching it first. And then when I come in, I'm much better prepared."

In other NBA games, New Jersey ripped Chicago 130-104. Portland trounced Houston 111-100 and Phoenix edged New York 90-89.

Detroit took a 34-25 lead in the first quarter when John Long scored 12 of his 32 points. But the Bullets took a 64-55 half-time lead when Greg Ballard scored 12 of his 24 points in the second period.

Detroit closed to within three points, 94-91, with 8:40 remaining in the game. Ruland then took over, scoring three quick

baskets and a free throw to help Washington to its fourth road victory in its last five starts.

Suns 90, Knicks 89: Walter Davis was fouled by Campy Russell at midcourt after a loose-ball scramble and he hit two free throws with four seconds remaining to give Phoenix victory over New York. The Knicks had taken an 82-77 lead midway through the fourth quarter, but the Suns battled back to go ahead 88-87 on Truck Robinson's three-point play. Michael Ray Richardson gave New York a short-lived 89-88 lead with 35 seconds left.

Blazers 111, Rockets 100: Mychal Thompson, Jim Paxson and Kelvin Ransey each scored 22 points to lead Portland over Houston. An 8-2 spurt by the Rockets had cut a 10-point Trail Blazers' lead to 104-100 with 3:36 left, but they scored the final seven points to clinch the victory. Moses Malone had 29 points and 20 rebounds for Houston.

Nets 130, Bulls 104: Darwin Cook scored 29 points and Mike O'Koren added 23 as New Jersey easily beat Chicago. Buck Williams scored 11 points as the Nets took a 20-12 lead in the first quarter and coasted from there. They led by as many as 32 points in the third quarter. Reggie Theus scored 26 points for the Bulls, who hit only four of its first 19 shots in the first half.

Graham Gooch gives England flying start

MADRAS, India, Jan. 15 (AP) — A burly knock of 117 not out by Graham Gooch Friday was the hallmark of England's reply declared its first innings closed at the commanding total of 481 for four on the third day of the fifth cricket Test here.

At the close of play, the Englishmen were 144 for no loss, with Gooch on 117 and Chris Tavaré on 26. Gooch, the 28-year-old Essex cricketer, severely punished pacer Kapil Dev, the home side's main bowler, pulling him several times to the fence.

Earlier Friday, India resumed its innings at the overnight score of 395 for two and collected 86 runs in the first two hours of play before declaring. The record 415-run third-wicket partnership ended when Yashpal Sharma mistimed a hook off fast bowler Ian Botham and was caught by Tavaré in deep square-leg.

Gundappa Vishwanath, the other overnight batsman, scored his first Test double century. He was clean bowled by Bob Willis for 222 runs in the last over before lunch.

Drivers all set for oldest rally

MONTE CARLO, Jan. 15 (AP) — About 250 drivers from 15 countries will line up for Saturday's start of the 50th Monte Carlo rally that will pass through snowy mountain passes, icy turns and across flat straightaways.

The oldest automobile Rally in the world — it was first run in 1911 — ends Friday with a dramatic night run to Monte Carlo by the top 100 qualifiers. Overall, the drivers who finish will have negotiated 4,000 kilometers (2,500 miles) of twisting, European roads to a series of timed sprints.

The drivers, who will be piloting 28 different makes of car, leave from various European cities before joining up for special timed runs for the final race to the principality of Monaco.

The competition, now dominated by professionals backed by factory teams, is intense. Most experts, however, agree the heavy favorites this year are the three Audi-Quattros.

"The more difficult the terrain, the better the Audi-Quattro performs," according to Michele Mouton, the young Frenchwoman who will be driving one of the three Audis. Finland's Hannu Mikkola and Michele Cinotto will be driving the other two.

Seamers Paul Allott and Graham Dilley opened the English bowling attack but could not trouble Vishwanath and Sharma. Allott was taken off by Fletcher after Sharma lifted him for two consecutive mighty sixes over the mid-wicket fence. Botham, who replaced Allott, succeeded in tempting Sharma to clumsily hook a delivery when the Indian score was 466. Kapil Dev, a hard-hitting batsman, was promoted in the batting order after Sharma's fall to help accelerate the run rate.

Gooch and Tavaré opened the English first innings on an aggressive note, hitting elegant shots on both sides of the wicket. Gooch was lucky to survive two catches. After mistiming a stroke off spinner Ravi Shastri, the English opener edged Dilip Doshi to first slip where Kapil Dev failed to grab the catch.

Score-board	
India (1st innings):	
S. Gavaskar c Taylor b Willis	25
Pranab Roy c Taylor b Dilley	71
D. Vengalakar not out	21
G. Vishwanath b Willis	222
Yashpal Sharma c Tavaré b Botham	140
Kapil Dev not out	6
Extras	11
Total (for 4 wickets)	481
Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-51, 3-466, 4-481.	
Bowling: Willis 28.1-77-2; Botham 31-10-83-1; Dilley 31-4-87-1; Allott 31-4-135-0; Underwood 22-7-59-0; Gooch 9-2-27-0.	
England (1st innings):	
G. Gooch batting	117
C. Tavaré batting	26
Extras	144
Total (for no wickets)	144
Bowling: Dev 7-0-47-0; Madan Lal 5-1-16-0; Shastri 21-6-44-0; Doshi 18-7-34-0; Gavaskar 1-0-2-0.	

Ozaki takes lead in Bob Hope golf

PALM SPRINGS, California, Jan. 15 (AP) — Jet Ozaki, a Japanese rookie on the American Pro Golf tour, put together a 4-under-par 68 and took sole possession of the second-round lead Thursday in the Bob Hope Desert Classic.

One of the longest hitters in the game, Ozaki birdied all of the par-5 holes at Bermuda Dunes and compiled a 132 total, 12-under-par, for 36 holes of this unique, five-day, 90-hole event.

Rex Caldwell, who has yet to win in seven years of tour activity, got his drive behind a tree, broke his 8-iron trying to come out and made his only bogey of the day. He finished with a 69 and a 133 total.

Tom Kite, last year's leading money-winner moved into position with a 66 at tough Eldorado and was only 2 shots out of the lead at 134.

Soccer briefs

MADRID (AP) — The International Federation of Football Association Friday awarded Mexico the organization of the 1983 World Youth Soccer Championship. The FIFA's executive committee chose Mexico with a 16-4 vote. Guatemala was the other candidate. The committee also agreed on a proposal to be presented to the International Olympic Committee setting 23 as the age limit for soccer players entering Olympic Games.

SINGAPORE, (R) — The Bahrain National Football squad, here in preparation for the Gulf tournament in March, came from behind to draw 1-1 with a Singapore selection in a friendly match Thursday night. Singapore led 1-0 at halftime, but Ibrahim scored the equalizer in the 64th minute.

AUCKLAND, (R) — New Zealand want to play World Soccer Cup qualifying rivals Kuwait again later this year "to settle a few arguments". New Zealand World Cup director Charlie Dempsey said Friday he planned to discuss another match with Kuwaiti officials when administrators from 24 nations meet for the World Cup draw in Madrid Saturday.

Baddeley advances

KOBE, Japan, Jan. 15 (AP) — Stephen Baddeley, England's new national champion, Friday easily eliminated Sweden's Stefan Karlsson from contention for the men's top singles match prize money of \$5,545 in the Japan Open Badminton Championship.

Baddeley beat Karlsson 15-6, 15-1. He will meet countryman Ray Stevens in Sunday's semifinal. Stevens gained one of the best four positions by beating China's Jian Huang Cheng 15-9, 15-9 in the quarterfinals in this western Japanese city.

Hiroyuki Hasegawa, Japan's top singles player, scored an upset 15-9, 15-13 victory over top-seeded Hadiyanto of Indonesia on the second day of the four-day competitions. Thomas Kihlstrom of Sweden also moved into the semifinals by defeating Arty Hasomo of Indonesia 15-1, 15-0.

McEnroe cuts Connors down to size

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (AP) — John McEnroe, apparently changing tactics because of a pulled leg muscle, played a baseline game Thursday night to defeat Jimmy Connors 6-2, 7-5 in the second round of the \$400,000 Volvo Masters Tennis Championships.

Using chips, different spins and varying the pace, McEnroe, seeded second in this eight-man round-robin tournament, kept Connors off balance, winning seven straight games in the middle of the match, while dropping only eight points.

Earlier, top-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia crushed Guillermo Vilas of Argentina 6-4, 6-1 and Eliot Teltscher downed Roscoe Tanner 6-6, 6-1, 6-4.

McEnroe's victory partially avenged two

consecutive losses to Connors at Wembley and in Chicago. Both those matches were marked by continuous outbursts by McEnroe and Connors, who nearly came to blows.

It was Connors, not the tempestuous McEnroe, who first became visibly upset. The event's third seed stared at the floor where he thought a ball landed long on the game's fifth point. Then, in the sixth game, he complained about another line call.

McEnroe, his face drawn, tried to overlook what he thought were bad line calls. But in the second set, his emotions boiled over several times. The first occasion came in the first game when Anita Shukow made a line call that McEnroe disagreed with. McEnroe, at the other end of the court, said: "I'm not going to expect anything from you. You cheated me last time."

But the 22-year-old New Yorker was sailing along then, in the midst of his mid-match winning streak where he toyed with Connors, slicing sometimes, hitting top-spins at other times — and everything finding the insides of the lines. After he closed out the first set and moved to a 4-2 lead, however, things changed for the reigning Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion.

With the huge crowd of around 18,000 cheering for Connors, the Belleville, Ill., native broke McEnroe's serve at 15 in the seventh game, then fought off a break point to hold serve and level the second set at 4-4. During the eighth game, Connors was upset at a line call. And at the end of the game, McEnroe kicked a box surrounding a side linesman's position.

The two held serve until the 12th game when McEnroe, still roaming the baseline and rarely playing his normal serve-and-volley game, won the first two points when Connors netted a backhand, then hit a forehand looper. McEnroe then got a break when his backhand hit the top of the net and rolled over, giving him triple break point. On the next point, Connors ventured to the net and McEnroe rifled a forehand passing shot down the line for the match.

Simpson ousts Chris Lewis

AUCKLAND, Jan. 15 (AP) — New Zealand's Russell Simpson scored an upset win over his top-seeded Davis Cup teammate, Chris Lewis, Friday beating him 6-1, 2-6, 6-4 in a quarterfinal of the Benson and Hedges Tennis Open men's singles.

Simpson dominated the game, with Lewis' failure to get his powerful first service in contributing much to his downfall. The American Van't Hof beat fellow-countryman Matt Mitchell in a long but sedate baseline duel 7-6, 6-7, 6-3, 8-6, 7-3. Van't Hof meets Simpson in the semifinal.

In the second semifinal, Tim Wilkison, U.S., seeded second will clash with Chris Mayotte, U.S., who fought back from one set down against another American, Lloyd Bourne to win 2-6, 6-3, 6-1. Wilkison comfortably took the quarterfinal against Larry Stefanki, U.S., 6-3, 6-4.

The New Zealand team of Bruce Derlin and Jeffrey Simpson overcame Jim Delaney and Ron Hightower, both U.S. to earn a sem-

ifinal spot in the men's doubles. They will meet the English Davis Cup pair, Andrew Jarrett and Jonathon Smith in the third match of the day. The English pair beat Steve Krulvitz and Chris Mayotte, 6-2, 6-4.

Omny Parun and Russell Simpson lost the opportunity of a possible all-New Zealand doubles final when they bowed out to the American pair, Chris Dunk and Martin Davis 6-3, 4-6, 6-7.

Austin pulls out of Avon tourney

CINCINNATI, Jan. 15 (AP) — Top-seeded Tracy Austin withdrew from the \$150,000 Avon Tennis Championships of Cincinnati Thursday night after reinjuring her back.

The second-ranked player from Redland Hills, California, missed nearly four months of play after suffering a sciatic injury in January 1981, but came back strong and went on to be named "female athlete of the year" by the Associated Press.

Austin said she began experiencing pain during a first-round match Tuesday night in which she defeated Julie Harrington 6-0, 6-1.

In other matches Thursday, Bettina Bunge defeated Leslie Allen 6-3, 7-6, eighth-seeded Billie Jean King downed second-seeded Sylvia Hanika of West Germany 7-5, 6-4, and fifth-seeded Barbara Potter defeated Joanne Russell 6-2, 6-3 to advance to the quarterfinals.



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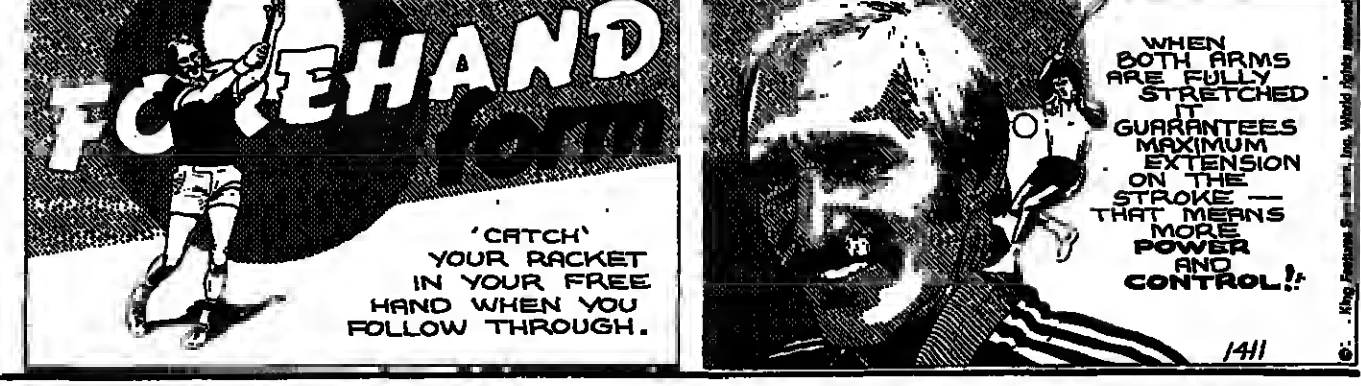
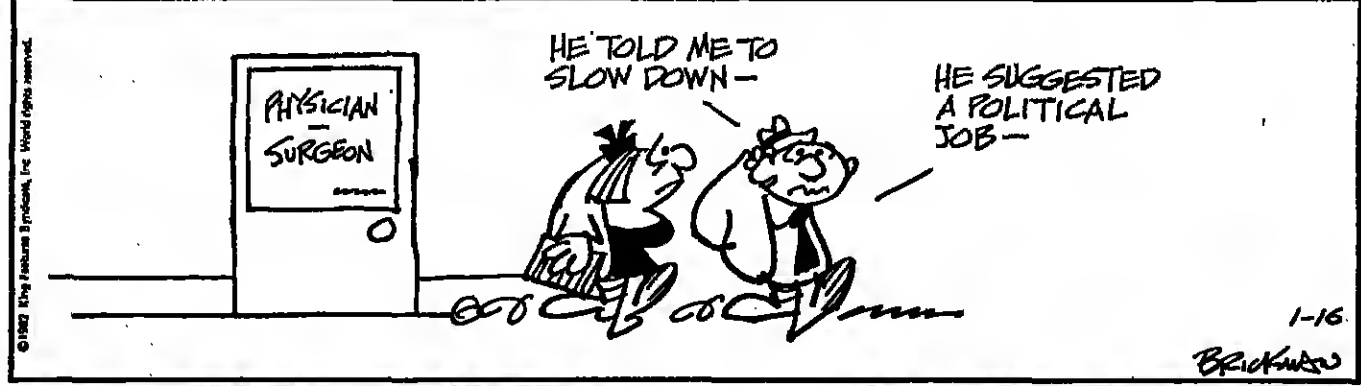
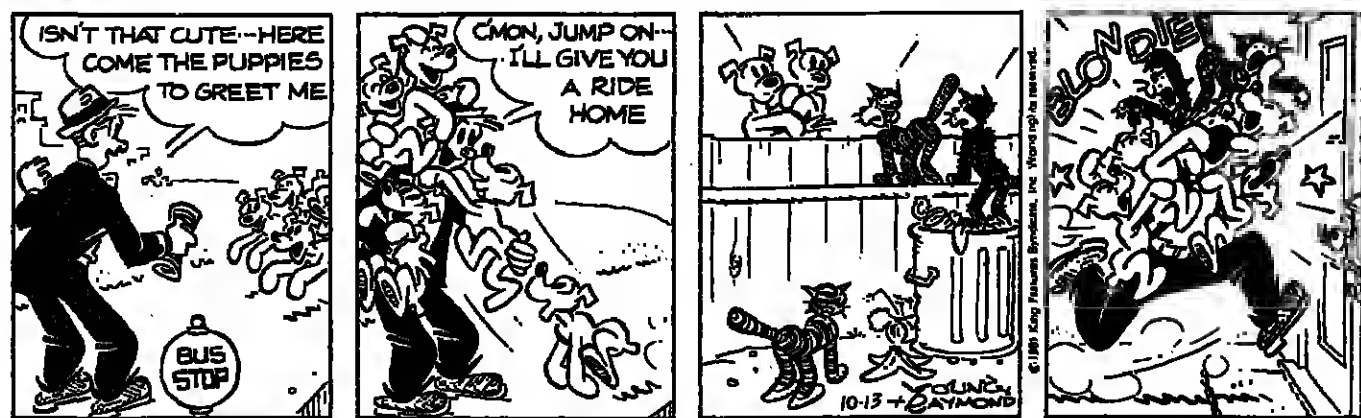
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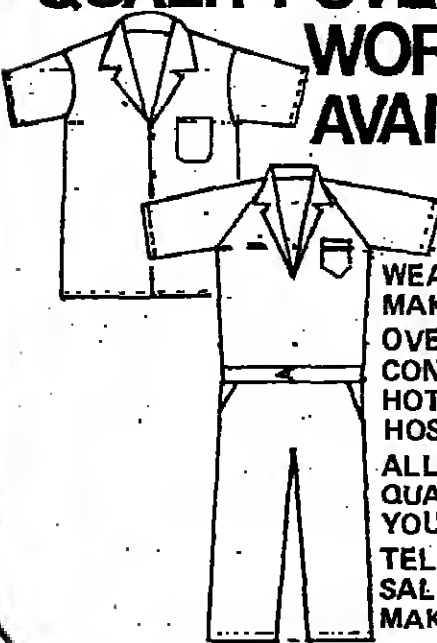
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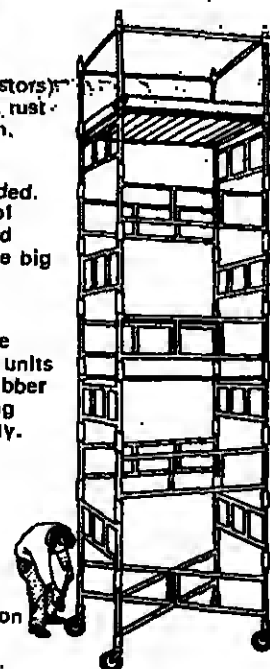
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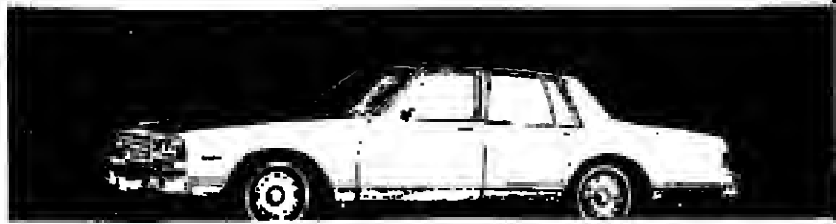
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Kremlin raps Haig on Poland remarks

MOSCOW, Jan. 15 (R) — The Soviet news agency Tass Friday described calls by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig for more democracy in Poland as hypocritical.

It contrasted his outspoken views on the Polish crisis with what it called his silence over Israel's attacks on Arab countries and its annexation of the Golan Heights. "Facts prove again and again that the prattling by Haig and company about interference in the domestic affairs of sovereign countries and their commitment to the cause of 'democracy and freedom' are nothing but demagoguery and hypocrisy," Tass said.

The Soviet Union has been attacking the United States since NATO countries this week suspended credits to Warsaw and threatened Moscow with sanctions over martial law in Poland. High-ranking Western diplomats said the anger reflected Kremlin frustration at the unity shown by the West at the NATO meeting.

The Soviet leadership appeared to have been banking on a split between the United States and its European allies, they added.

By comparing events in Poland with Israel's actions, Tass appeared to be continuing a theme touched on in a statement on the Polish crisis Wednesday. This suggested that the Kremlin recognized U.S. security interests in the Western hemisphere and its influence over states like Israel, and demanded in return that Washington accept Soviet influence over Polish developments.

"The Kremlin appears to be telling Washington that it won't relinquish its hold on Poland come what may, and that it expects the United States to stand back just as it did with Hungary in 1956 and Czechoslovakia in 1968," one diplomat said. Moscow intervened in Hungary and Czechoslovakia to crush reformist governments there.

However, in Warsaw, Poland, the hatch of

trials in progress these past two weeks in courtrooms of the criminal justice building here have been less trials of the accused themselves than an indictment of two-way periods in contemporary Polish history.

The first period is the over-complacent 1970's when former Polish Communist Party Chief Edward Giersek was bent, to little avail, on rushing the country into Western-style industrialization.

The second is the ensuing period of 17 months that began with the wave of strikes in July 1980 — the impetus from which the independent trade union movement Solidarity sprang — and that ended last Dec. 13 with the imposition of martial law.

On trial in room 252 is a scapegoat figure from the Giersek years, former Central Committee member and chairman of the committee for radio and television affairs, Maciej Szczepanski. He is accused of embezzlement, taking bribes from foreign firms, and ultimately being responsible for squandering some 200 million zlotys (then equivalent to \$7 million) of taxpayers' money.

Denying the charges, Szczepanski has rounded on his accusers with the counter-charge that his trial is nothing but a classic political show trial of the kind staged during the Stalin era.

He has readily admitted to having invented the brand of huoyant propaganda that was the focus of attack during the 1980 summer of strike upheavals, bringing his own and Giersek's resignations in the autumn and the regime's subsequent acknowledgement of "serious mistakes in economic policies and distortions in public life."

The reaction of the public at his trial, drawn largely from the upper echelons of the Polish bureaucracy, has been consistently hostile and scornful to the accused.

As Western symbols surface

Soviets spurn clothing trend

MOSCOW, Jan. 15 (R) — A Soviet newspaper Friday called on Communist youth organizations to raid discotheques, parks, factories and schools and publicly shame young people who prefer Western fashions to Soviet clothes.

Komsomolskaya Pravda complained that a growing number of young Russians were spurning Soviet-made clothes and wearing Western jeans and shorts with symbols "blatantly hostile" to the Soviet system.

The author of the article, historian V. Idayatov, said young Communists in the Ukraine had raided meeting places to explain to people the meaning of symbols on clothes they wore. But he added that isolated efforts to counter the trend were

having little effect. He advocated curbs on people bringing in Western clothes and said those who wear them should be made subjects of hate.

"Eradication of Western symbols is a serious and great matter... this is part of the education of young people in ideological maturity, political understanding and artistic and aesthetic culture," he added.

A letter in this week's edition of *Ogonyok* (Flame) magazine also joined the fray, criticizing modern Western dancing and rock music as decadent. "Under its influence, crowds of young and not-so-young people perform acts something akin to morning gymnastics which in most cases resembles the rituals of a witch doctor," the letter said.

In French by-elections

Socialist program faces test

PARIS, Jan. 15 (R) — French voters go to the polls Sunday in four parliamentary by-elections, the first gauge of public opinion since the left swept to power last summer.

Three Socialists and one Conservative who narrowly won seats in the June 1981 general election had their victories annulled on technical grounds by a watchdog constitutional court, and fresh elections were ordered.

Leaders of both government and center-right opposition coalitions have argued that the by-elections are not true tests of the popularity of Socialist President Francois Mitterrand and his team, which has an unassailable majority in parliament.

Political analysts said there are personal and local factors in each contest which could affect the result, regardless of national political trends. Top of the hill is the clash at Provins, southeast of Paris, where former Gaullist Minister Alain Peyrefitte is trying to regain the seat he held for 23 years until last June's Socialist landslide.

Peyrefitte, a controversial justice minister under Conservative President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, lost his seat to Socialist physical training teacher Marc Fromion by 186 votes.

That vote followed a tumultuous even-odd poll Socialist meeting in Provins at which Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy was shouted down by Peyrefitte's supporters. It was because of alleged bias in television and radio coverage of the incident that the result was overturned.

Mauroy returned to the town this month to back Fromion in what looks like being another knife-edge result. The prime minister has visited all four constituencies at issue, stressing his government's efforts to reduce unemployment running at over two million and inflation of around 14 percent.

On each campaign sortie, Mauroy took along one of his four Communist ministers whose party is not putting up candidates this weekend, but has half-heartedly called on its supporters to vote Socialists.

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Surprise

the Sinai in April as set down in the Camp David peace accords, and a refusal to hand back the islands of Tiran and Sinafir which control the entrance to the Gulf of Aqaba at the same time, the continuation of spy flights over Saudi Arabia, and the extension of Israeli law — and thereby effective annexation — of the Jordan West Bank and Gaza territories.

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The jet itself was insured for \$12 million. But on top of this, companies will have to pay out claims from relatives of the 78 persons who died in the crash. Since the flight was an internal one from Washington to Tampa, Florida, the Warsaw convention which puts a ceiling on insurance claims will not be applicable.

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the sides and the stakes and the issues and the extent to which this resolution is profoundly anti-U.S. in conception and intent."

El-Fattal, exercising a right of reply, dismissed the negotiations offer as an Israeli "lie."

"Peace for Israel means annexation," the Syrian envoy declared.

At U.S. request, the council postponed a vote on the sanctions resolution until Friday.

"We needed more time to consult," Carl Gershman, one of Mrs. Kirkpatrick's advisers, told a reporter. He noted that Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig was in the Middle East and that Mrs. Kirkpatrick had spent much of the day with President Reagan, who was in New York for a speech and a meeting with Javier Perez De Cuellar, the new U.N. secretary-general.

Soviet Ambassador Oleg A. Troyanovsky, Security Council president of January, told newsmen there definitely would be a vote on Friday, and he indicated that an American veto was a foregone conclusion.



PLANE CRASH SURVIVOR: Malaysian Foreign Minister Ghazali Shafie, who survived a Cessna air crash Sunday which killed two persons, Malaysia's director-general of civil aviation, Abdul Quddus Ahmad, announced Friday that the flying license of Ghazali had been suspended pending investigations into the cause of the plane crash. Ghazali told reporters earlier this week that when the Cessna took off from Kuala Lumpur he was the pilot but gave the controls to flying club instructor Verghese Chacko before the crash.

Gandhi makes major changes in cabinet

NEW DELHI, Jan. 15 (R) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi Friday announced a major reshuffle of her cabinet, aimed at improving its performance and implementing a new 20-point economic program. The changes, just hours after Mrs. Gandhi unveiled the new economic program, were the most sweeping made to the cabinet since the Indian leader returned to power two years ago.

The most important change was the move of Commerce Minister Pranab Mukherjee, who has presided over cabinet meetings in Mrs. Gandhi's absence, to the Finance Ministry. He replaced Ramaswami Venkataraman who took over the defense portfolio which Mrs. Gandhi had held since regaining office.

Mrs. Gandhi said in a broadcast Thursday night that the new economic package would help lighten the burden on millions of her people, providing for liberal investment procedures and streamlining of industrial policies.

The decision to create a separate ministry of irrigation under Kedar Pandey, who was moved from the Railways Ministry, appeared significant because the program's first point was to provide for increased irrigation. India's agriculture is largely dependent on monsoon rains and the government wants to develop dry land farming, setting a target to raise irrigation potential at the rate of five million hectares (12 million acres) annually.

Mrs. Gandhi kept two important portfolios unchanged including that of External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao who is reckoned here to be one of the most successful cabinet members. Zail Singh also stays on as home affairs minister although law and order in the country has been a major factor in opposition attacks on the government.

Mrs. Gandhi told the Press Trust of India (PTI) that the changes had been carried on "for better functioning."

Political analysts said the reshuffle was also intended to give a more dynamic look to the government at a time when the opposition parties are trying to hurry their differences and adopt a joint platform. Opposition parties and trade unions have called for a national general strike on Jan. 19 against the government's new anti-strike laws.

The moving of Venkataraman from finance to defense caused some surprise as he was generally reckoned to have done a good job of negotiating a recent \$5.8 billion International Monetary Fund (IMF) loan for India.

Spanish junta replaced to bolster NATO bonds

MADRID, Jan. 15 (Agencies) — The Spanish government Friday named army Lt. Gen. Alvaro Lacalle Leloup as president of the four-member junta of armed forces chief of staff, it was announced here.

Lt. Gen. Ramon de Ascanio Y Togores was made army chief of staff, Maj. Gen. Emilio Garcia Conde was named air force chief of staff and Vice Adm. Saturnino Suances de la Hiedra navy chief of staff.

Maj. Gen. Garcia Conde and Vice Adm. Suances are to be respectively promoted to lieutenant general and admiral. The decision to replace the armed forces general staff was announced Thursday in a Defense Ministry communiqué that invoked efficiency grounds. The communiqué referred to "vital negotiations" about to begin with Spain's future North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) partners.

Relations between the armed forces and the government had been strained since the February right-wing putsch attempt by some army officers. The military command had come under criticism for failing to "control" the armed forces where there is widespread and open support for the putschists.

The men replaced were: Generals Ignacio Alfaro Arregui, president of the armed forces chiefs of staff, Jose Gabeiras Ontero (army), Emiliano Alfaro Arregui (air force) and Adm. Luis Arevalo Pelluz (navy).

The opening next month of the court case against leaders of last February's attempted military coup compounded with persistent dissensions within the Spanish army are among the reasons for Friday's replacement of the armed forces chiefs of staff, according to observers here.

While the decision had been expected for several weeks, its abruptness took all by surprise and precipitated rumors of a major crisis within the armed forces.

But the four dismissed chiefs of staff were in any case soon to be transferred to the "active reserve" starting next April with

former army chief Gen. Jose Gabeiras Montero.

The chiefs of staff played an important role in opposing the attempted coup last February and then sharply rebuked 100 officers and non-commissioned officers who in December came out in support of the putschists.

The chief of staff junta, formed in 1977 following the death of leader Francisco, is responsible for advising the government on military policy and for strategic planning. It is also responsible for proposing candidates for key military appointments.

On Jan. 6 King Juan Carlos was forced to speak out to defend himself because of a slander campaign in the armed forces and he called on all officers to overcome divisions and cast off the ghost of last year's putsch.

The nomination to the junta of new officers, untainted by recent events, should help strengthen the army's cohesion, observers here believe.

To avoid politicizing the issue, political parties reacted with caution to news of the reshuffle. Both the Workers' Socialist and the Communist Parties said the decision was strictly a government matter.

The reshuffle of the armed forces top brass might lead to reorganization in the army's lower echelons and to the appointment of more junior officers to positions of responsibility.

The government Friday also appointed Police Inspector Gen. Jose Saez de Santamaria to the head of the important Valladolid military region and Gen. Gerardo Marinan Romero to head the army's personnel command.

The prime minister "estimated it was convenient to replace them the older generals by persons with a longer continuity... in posts of such importance during the period now opening," the Defense Ministry said.

Spain has been officially invited to become NATO's 16th member and hopes to join in the spring.

To elect Kekkonen's successor

Finns go to polls tomorrow

HELSINKI, Jan. 15 (R) — Finns vote next Sunday and Monday in the first stage of an election to find a successor to Dr. Urho Kekkonen, president since 1956. Kekkone, 81, a consistent proponent of reconciliation and cooperation with the neighboring Soviet Union, resigned last October because of poor health.

His eventual successor will inherit sweeping powers and patronage plus control over foreign policy. This chiefly means keeping on good terms with the Soviet Union while maintaining Finland's status as a modern, industrialized Western democracy. The two countries are linked by the 1948 treaty of friendship, cooperation and mutual assistance, signed after they had twice been at war in 1939-44.

Finland's multiparty system and complex electoral procedures make it difficult to predict the outcome of the contest. In a popular poll on Jan. 17 and 18 the Finns will elect a 301-member electoral college from among contenders run by 10 different political parties.

The college must appoint a new president on Jan. 26. Under the country's constitution, it can give the job to any qualified Finn, which means practically anyone from among the adult population. But in the fact the winner is expected to come from among eight candidates nominated by various political parties.

Repeated opinion polls show the popular vote may be fairly evenly divided between the two big left-wing parties on the one side and a number of non-Socialist parties, including the Centrists and the National Coalition Party (Conservatives), on the other.

The polls say the Social Democrats, the country's biggest group, may collect close to 40 percent of the vote with anything between eight and 14 percent going to the other left-wing party, the Communist-dominated People's Democratic League. The remaining votes would go to the non-Socialists, with the Center Party and the National Coalition Party picking up some 20 percent each.

However, there is no certainty the parties

will eventually line up right against left, and the system leaves almost unlimited scope for political trading.

Mauno Koivisto, a 58-year-old avowedly non-Marxist Social Democrat who is prime minister of the current center-left coalition government, has been shown by repeated opinion polls to be the favorite in the race, with at least 50 percent of Finns saying they would like to see him become president. His major rivals are expected to be Johannes Virolainen, 67, of the Center Party and 44-year-old Harri Holkeri of the National Coalition Party.

Much hinges on the outcome of the popular vote for the People's Democratic League. The party has vowed to hold the balance in the election and may well do so. It was the Communists who swung the election to Kekkone in 1956. Analysts say they would try to exact a stiff political price for swinging it to Koivisto or another candidate this time.

The outcome of the popular vote may also have other consequences for the Communists, split for over 15 years into a mainstream majority and a Stalinist minority wing. Analysts said a poor turnout for the People's Democratic League, particularly if it robbed the group of its chance to tilt the electoral scales, could be devastating.

Communist leaders have admitted that the party could soon be faced with disintegration over matters of principle. Meanwhile, recent messages from Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev expressing confidence the two countries would maintain their good relations after the presidential election, have eased speculation that possible Kremlin reaction could be a factor in the college's choice.

A word from Moscow is reported to have twice helped re-elect President Kekkone in earlier elections. Reports said a record number of advance votes had been received, and a heavy turnout is foreseen for Sunday and Monday.

Albania elects prime minister

VIENNA, Jan. 15 (AP) — Adil Carcani became Albania's prime minister Friday, filling the post of Mehmet Shehu who reportedly committed suicide last month, the Austrian news agency reported.

Carcani, 60, was elected during a morning session of the Albanian Peoples' Assembly, or parliament, APA said, and later delivered a speech promising to "consistently adhere to the political line" of Albanian leader Enver Hoxha.

The official ATA news agency and Radio Tirana, meanwhile, continued lengthy reports on Hoxha's appearance before a parliamentary session Thursday, in what appeared to be a concerted effort to dismiss rumors that the Albanian ruler had been killed in a gunfight.

Rumors circulating in neighboring Yugoslavia said Hoxha had died of gunshot wounds suffered in a shootout with Shehu, who had served as prime minister since 1954.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

I was telling my doctor friend the usual tale of woe: Arab politics going from bad to worse, no letup in the world recession, the freezing weather out here likely to continue for a long time... "You asked what was new in my field. And now you got it. Now tell me what's new in yours..." Whereupon he proceeded to unfold a most uplifting tale, with broad progress on all fronts and high promise for the future. Oh! To have taken up doctoring instead of this sad craft, this everlasting hearing of ill tidings to humanity at large!

The most decisive breakthroughs, my friend said, have been made against the cruelest of enemies — cancer. Up to a few years ago, the rate of recovery was no more than 30 percent. Now it has jumped to 60 percent, with a new treatment for liver cancer soon to push this up even higher. With it, he said, hepatitis also will be no more.

Transplant surgery, he said, has advanced so much that soon permanent livers will be established for almost all organs. Increasingly these will be manufactured — and the six-million-dollar man will be with us at last...

All kinds of rheumatic illnesses are yielding fast to new techniques of irradiation of the lymphatic glands, and soon these will be no more (the illnesses that is, not the glands, one hopes).

Finally, the overweight have their share in this celebration. The latest thing in weight reduction does away with all dieting. A balloon is inserted in the stomach (don't try it on your own, please) so that its capacity is severely reduced. You feel no hunger and make do with much less food. You keep on until you lose the required weight. By then you have learned to eat less and the balloon is taken out (it's deflated first, I was assured).

By now I was really excited. "And the common cold?" I asked. "Still working on it," he said dejectedly. "You have to spoil it by mentioning the common cold..." Translated from Ashraf Al Awsat

Suzuki future hinges on Tanaka case

TOKYO, Jan. 15 (AFP) — With only a few months to go before the legal inquiry into the Lockheed scandal draws to a close, the chances of acquittal for former Japanese Premier Kakuei Tanaka seem slim. This week a top figure in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) hinted in public for the first time that the former premier might be found guilty.

The party policy affairs research council president, Rokusuke Tanaka said in the presence of journalists: "I sincerely hope that he will be acquitted, but quite frankly, it will be difficult." The policy advisor, a close friend of the former premier, tried to take back his statement, but the fact that "the taboo" was publicly shattered by a Tanaka political friend was seen as an indication of the prevailing mood in the ruling LDP, which faces elections in the autumn.

Despite his arrest in 1976 on charges of accepting bribes from the U.S. aircraft manufacturer amounting to some 500 million yen (\$2.2 million) in exchange for help in clinching some contracts, Tanaka has managed to continue to wield considerable influence.

The Tanaka verdict is also expected in the autumn, five years after the scandal hit headlines following a subcommittee hearing of the U.S. Senate.

Whatever the outcome, it will have considerable repercussions on Japanese politics, especially the political destiny of Premier Zenko Suzuki who will canvas for reelection as LDP leader in November.

Still a powerful figure at 64, Tanaka is one of the most colorful characters in Japanese politics. The large number of admirers who turned up at the new year at his residence — a number exceeded only by admirers at the Imperial Palace — is an indication of his popularity.

Dubbed the "kingmaker", Tanaka has remained very active, starting discreetly in the wake of his disgrace but gradually acting more and more openly. The LDP faction that flies his banner, far from weakening, has seen its ranks swell in recent months. With 108 members, it makes up a quarter of LDP parliamentarians in both houses.

The financial weight behind the Tanaka faction makes it an ideal springboard for the cabinet in which Tanaka, whose indictment in the scandal prevents him from making a comeback, plays the role of arbiter behind the scenes. Zenko Suzuki, who came to power in 1980, reached the top spot largely because he had Tanaka's support. And the former premier also had a say in the cabinet reshuffle of Nov. 30 last year.

Legal circles say Tanaka faces a five to seven-year prison term. His political friends, who are prepared for the worst, hold that if his own long career is cut short, his faction in the LDP, far from disintegrating, should maintain and even reinforce its unity.

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Amsterdam	-8	18	1	34	clear
Athens	3	37	10	50	clear
Bahrain					not available
Bangkok	23	73	31	88	clear
Belrut	9	48	20	68	clear
Berlin	-10	14	0	32	clear
Brussels	-8	18	-3	38	clear
Buenos Aires	18	64	23	73	clear
Cairo	10	50	20	68	clear
Caracas	20	68	28	82	clear
Chicago	-21	-5	-13	9	snow
Copenhagen	-9	16	-2	28	clear
Dublin	-3	27	4	39	clear
Frankfurt	-13	9	-5	23	clear
Geneve	0	32	1	34	cloudy
Hong Kong	14	57	19	66	clear
Jakarta	23	73	30	86	rain
Kuala Lumpur	22	71	33	91	cloudy
London	-4	25	5	41	cloudy
Los Angeles	9	49	21	71	clear
Madrid	7	45	13	55	rain
Mariña	19	66	29	84	clear
Miami	19	66	24	76	clear
Montreal	-18	0	-11	12	clear
Moscow	-4	25	-3	27	cloudy
New Delhi	9	49	20	69	clear
New York	-6	22	-3	27	cloudy
Nicolas	10	50	14	57	clear
Paris	-7	19	-2	28	clear
Rio de Janeiro	16	61	30	86	cloudy
Rome	6	43	14	57	clear
San Francisco	5	41	9	49	cloudy
Seoul	-14	7	-5	23	clear
Singapore	24	75	30	86	cloudy
Stockholm	-1	30	1	31	clear
Sydney	20	68	24	75	cloudy
Taipei	12	54	15	59	cloudy
Tokyo	2	36	9	48	clear
Vienna	-12	10	-4	25	clear